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'Restore Indonesian Republic Within Week'

RAMA RAU'S TEST FOR DUTCH SINCERITY

Call For Action If Netherlands Government Fails

"HAGUE CONFERENCE A MOVE TO BY-PASS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION"

LAKE SUCCESS, March 11(P.T.I.-Reuter): India charged in the Security Council tonight that Holland "has now made it quite clear" that she is not prepared to restore the Indonesian Republican Government in Jogjakarta.

Sir Benegal Rama Rau, Indian Ambassador to the United States, opened the Council's resumed debate on Indonesia.

He declared that Holland based her refusal "primarily on the ground that any such restoration would mean wide-spread disorder and reprisal on a horrifying scale.

WHY NEGOTIATIONS FAILED.

"As the distinguished representative of the United States pointed out, such disorders as there have been are, according to the report of the Good Offices Committee, directly attributable to the failure of the political negotiations to produce any concrete results and not to the existence of the Republican Government in Jogjakarta.

"The recent report of he United Nations Commission for Indonesia does not mention any such difficulties in the way of the restoration of the Republic.

"They have been on the spot and they would certainly have drawn the attention of the Security Council to any such possibility, especially as the Council had placed upon the Commission the responsibility for making recommendations for the progressive transfer of administration to the Republican Government, with due regard to the requirements of law and order.

"The Netherlands Government have invited the Republican leaders as individuals to be Hague Conference and not as representatives of the re-established Republican Government. In other words, so far as they are concerned, no Republic exists.

TEST OF DUTCH SINCERITY.

"The restoration of the Republic provides the test of the sincerity of the Netherlands Government in regard to the new offer. The refusal of the Dutch to facilitate the re-establishment of the Republic in Jogakarta and to negotiate with the Republican Government is, in effect a repudiation of the Linggadjati and Renville agreements.

"The Hague Confeence, if held under the terms and conditions conveyed in the invitation, would mean the complete wiping out of all the commitments, political and moral, of the Netherlands Government, for the other party to these agreements, namely, the Republican Government, has been eliminated.

"How can the Netherlands Government expect us to believe in their sincerety and good faith, if they are to begin this new phase in the negotiations by dishonouring past agreements with the Republican Government?

"If the Dutch really mean t transfer complete an unrestricte sovereignty before July next, one would have expected them as practical statesman to create the necessary atmosphere by adopting a conciliatory attitude towards the Republicans," he said.

"Is it practical to transfer complete sovereignty in the chaos and confusion of guerilla warfare, which can only be stopped by a re-established Republican Government?

CALL FOR REPORT FROM COMMISSION.

"I suggest that the Indonesian Commission should be asked to report within a week on whether this essential preliminary to negotiations has been fulfilled by the Dutch.

"As regards the Dutch invitation to The Hague Conference, I do not think the Council should consider it until and unless the initial steps I have just mentioned have been taken. Obviously, the Council cannot act on the tentative and personal views of the President.

"The Republicans cannot be expected to give a considered opinion until they return to Jogjakarta and function there as a Government," Sir Benegal Rama Rau said. "Meanwhile, it should be made absolutely clear that the Council stands firmly by its resolution of Jan. 28. It is very important that the Council should retain the initiative in its own hands in accordance with the resolution."

"Provided the Netherlands Government are co-operative and are prepared to accept the Security Council resolution, it should not be difficult, with a few modifications, to bring the new procedure in conformity with the Council resolution, which has definitely recommended that negotiations between the two Governments should be undertaken with the assistance of the Commission.

"May I presume that this will be the last chance given to the Netherlands Government to comply with the resolution?

THREE RESOLUTIONS DEFIED

"They have defied three resolutions. They have now suggested a procedure for a conference at The Hague, which is carefully designed to by-pass the Security Council resolution.

"If there are no definite indications within a week of the restoration of the Republican Government in Jogjakarta, I hope that there will be no further hesitation in regard to the consideration of the action that should be taken to make the resolution of the Security Council effective.

"Any further inaction in regard to the matter will seriously damage the prestige of the Security Council and aggravate the Indonesian as well as the international situation."

RESTORE JOGJAKARTA ADMINISTRATION

Britain Backs U. S. Demand

LAKE SUCCESS, March 11 (P.T.I-Reuter): Members of the Security Council still believe a way will be found to break the deadlock on the Indonesian problem.

As stated by the Dutch and Indonesian representatives the position is briefly:

(1) The Netherlands will not restore any authority of the Republican leaders. (2) Republican leaders will not attend any round-table conference on a future Indonesian Federation, until they have had some authority restored.

THE UNITED STATES AGAIN REAFFIRMED ITS POSITION WHICH IS THAT REPUBLICAN LEADERS MUST BE GIVEN BACK, AS A MINIMUM, THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CAPITAL OF JOGJAKARTA.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE BRITISH DELEGATION, AMONG OTHERS, SUPPORTS THAT VIEW.

Diplomatic despatches reaching certain quarters from the Hague indicate that the Dutch Government has not entirely shut the door.

If the Security Council showed its support, at least in principle, for the proposed "Beel Plan" of a round-table conference, the Netherlands might consider restoring at least some measure of authority to the Republican leaders.

This might according to well-informed sources take the shape of allowing President Soekarno and his colleagues to return to Jogjakarta to hold a Cabinet meeting.

REPUBLICAN LEADER'S VIEW

BATAVIA, March 11 (P.T.I-Reuter): The seven Indonesian Republican leaders taken by the Dutch to Banka island intend to remain there until the Dutch carry out the Security Council resolution requiring their reinstatement in their capital Jogjakarta, Republican circles here declared today.

The Republican leaders now on Banka include D. I. R. Soekarno, Republican President, Dr. Mohamed Hatta, Premier and Hadji Agoes Salim, Minister for Foreign Affairs.

They have not officially stated their reasons for staying on Banka.

Congress Cabinet To Meet On March 27

NEW DELHI, March 11 (API): The Congress Working Committee will meet in New Delhi on March 27 at 8-30 a.m. at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's residence.

R. S. S. ABJURES POLITICS

Draft Constitution Receives Chief's Approval

NAGPUR, March 11, (U.P.I.): Mr. T. R. Venkatraman Shastri who arrived here from Delhi after an interview with the Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, in connection with the R.S.S. ban, met Mr. M. S. Golwalkar, Chief of the R.S.S. in Seoni sub-jail yesterday.

It is believed that the draft of the constitution of the R.S.S. which Mr. Shashtri carried to Mr. Golwalkar before its representation to the Government of India has received the approval of the R.S.S. Chief.

It is gathered that Mr. Shashtri will submit to the Government of India the R.S.S. Chief's views and urge the lifting of the ban on the organisation, now that all the requirements have been fulfilled by the organisation.

The main feature of the constitution is its adherence strictly to cultural work. While abjuring politics, it gives complete freedom to its members to follow their individual political inclinations.

Mr. Shashtri, before his departure for Madras today by plane, met Mr. R. K. Patil, Food Minister, C. P.

10,000 "REDS" ATTACK TAHOKOW

Pai To Bring Chinese Premier-Designate To Hangchow

SHANGHAI, March 10, (PTI-Reuter): More than 10,000 Communists with heavy artillery support were reported today to be attacking Tahokow, part of the Government bridgehead on the north bank of the Yangtse river east of Nanking. Artillery and machine-gun fire could be heard this afternoon at Yicheng, just east of Tahokow, it was said.

Nanking reports said General Pai Chung-Hasi, close supporter of Acting-President Li Tsung-Jen, was flying today to the big seaport of Hangchow, south-west of Shanghai, to bring the Premier-Designate, Ho Ying-Chin, to Nanking.

CHIANG REJECTS ULTIMATUM

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek was understood today to have flatly rejected last week's "polite ultimatum" to hand over full powers to Acting-President Li and go abroad.

Reliable sources said the Generalissimo only reluctantly approved nomination of General Ho, a former Defence Minister, as Premier in succession to "no surrender" Premier Sun Fo.

General Ho's name, it was said, was among four submitted to the Generalissimo by the two emissaries who took to him the "polite ultimatum".

Observers said Chiang Kai-Shek unofficially still held real power in Government China through the loyalty of his secret police and many army commanders as well as a following of Kuomintang (nationalist) conservatives).

CAPTAIN KATARI



Captain R. D. Katari R.I.N. who has been appointed Chief of personnel, Royal Indian Navy.

ATLANTIC PACT DRAFT

Canadian Cabinet's Approval

OTTAWA, March 11 (UPA): It was learned today that the Canadian cabinet had approved the draft text of the North Atlantic security pact.

U.S.-DANISH TALKS BEGIN

WASHINGTON, March 11 (UPA): High level Danish-American talks began today on Denmark's expected entry into the North Atlantic security pact.

Danish Foreign Minister Gustav Rasmussen expressed hope today that Denmark will decide within the very near future whether to participate in the North Atlantic Pact.

The statement was made after a 35-minute conference with Secretary of State Dean Acheson. Rasmussen said that the question of arms aid for Denmark was touched on. He said that it was most unlikely that Denmark's decision will be made while he is here.

Rasmussen said he expects to return to Copenhagen possibly by the middle of next week to report to the Danish parliament. Rasmussen said that Denmark's political future was discussed at his meeting with Acheson. But the question of strategic Greenland, a Danish possession, was not discussed.

DE GASPERI TO BEGIN ATLANTIC PACT NEGOTIATIONS

ROME, March 11 (UPA): Premier Alcide de Gasperi asked parliament today for immediate authorization to begin Atlantic pact negotiations as the only method of protecting Italy's "security and freedom."

The Communist and Left Wing Socialist parties immediately denounced de Gasperi for taking a step which they said was similar to Mussolini's action in signing the entente with Hitlerite Germany.

The Chamber of Deputies quickly rejected the Socialist-Communist effort to stall the debate.

The House by a vote of 311 to 155 defeated a motion to refer the pact question to a committee.

MALAN'S PARTY SWEEPS POLLS IN COUNCIL ELECTIONS

"Apartheid" Policy Of Racial Segregation Vindicated

JOHANNESBURG, March 11 (P.T.I-Reuter): South African Premier Dr. Daniel Malan's Nationalist Party has gained a majority of seats in the Union Provincial Council elections, fought on his "apartheid" policy of racial segregation.

His party also received more votes than any other and, of the total votes cast it received 48 per cent.

Final figures were:

Nationalists 86 seats—400, 875 votes.

"General Jan Smuts' United Party 78 seats—393, 461 votes.

Independents 3 seats—20, 514 votes.

Labour 2 seats—19, 719 votes.

Total votes—834, 569.

Nationalists now control two of the four Provincial Councils—Transvaal and Orange Free State.

The United Party has a majority in the Cape Province and Natal Councils.

SMUTS' HOPES SHATTERED

Before the full results were known, and while the United Party was still in the lead, General Smuts told his supporters: "We are the strongest party in this land".

Dr. Malan, with a majority of only four in the House of Assembly, had asked the electorate to give him a mandate in the provincial elections to go on with his segregation policy.

In the 1943 provincial elections the Nationalists won 48 seats and the United Party 97.

Nationalist gains in the present provincial elections should be reflected by increased strength in the Union Senate next November, when members of Provincial Councils and of Parliament meet as a college to elect senators to replace those who will have completed their ten-year term of office.

The Nationalists' partners in the Coalition Government, Finance Minister Nicolaas Havengas, Afrikaner Party, put up no candidates for this year's provincial elections.

Thep hold that Dr. Malan's narrow parliamentary majority does not warrant going ahead with constitutional amendments on non-European representation.

Wednesday's total poll was only 78 per cent of the general election vote cast last year.

PARTY POSITION IN PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

Final state of the parties in the four provincial councils was.

TRANSVAAL: Nationalists 34, United Party 27, Independent 2, Labour 2. One seat vacant.

CAPE PROVINCE: United Party 28, Nationalists 26, Labour 1.

ORANGE FREE STATE: Nationalists 24, United Party 1.

NATAL: United Party 22, Nationalists 2, Independent 1.

Sarojini's Ashes Immersed In Ganges

Thousands Throng To Witness Ritual At Allahabad

ALLAHABAD, March 11. (API): The ashes of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu were immersed in the holy Sangam at 10 a.m with all Vedic rites.

Over ten thousand persons witnessed the last remains of Mrs Naidu being washed away in the currents of the holy Ganges.

MRS. NAIDU'S ASHES IMMERSED AT HARDAWAR

NEW DELHI, March 11 (A.P.I): The ashes of Shrimati Sarojini Naidu were immersed at 10 this morning at Harki Pauri in Hardwar under the auspices of Gangasabha according to a report received here from Hardawar.

RITUALS AT HYDERABAD

HYDERABAD, (Dn), March 11. (API):— The ashes of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu were immersed this morning at the Sangam, confluence of the Esa and Musi rivers, about four miles west of Hyderabad City.

The urn containing the ashed which lay in State since March 9 at the "Golden Threshold", residence of Major M. G. Naidu, husband of Mrs. Naidu, was placed in a gun carriage, decorated with flowers and taken in a procession to the Sangam.

At the Sangam, after performing the preliminary rites according to Hindu Sastras, Dr. Jaisoorya, Mrs Naidu's son, assisted by the priest and a relative carried the urn across the water to the pillar at the junction of the two rivers. He then immersed the ashes while the large gathering assembled on the banks showered flowers.

IMMERSION AT BARRACKPORE

CALCUTTA, March 11 (API).—The part played by the late Mrs. Sarojini Naidu in carrying India's message to all parts of the world was recalled by Dr. K. N. Katju, Governor of West Bengal, at the immersion of portion of her ashes in the Ganges at Barrackpore, 14 miles from Calcutta, today.

The ashes, brought to Calcutta from Lucknow by the West Bengal Government, were consigned to the waters in mid-stream. On the boat accompanying the Governor were Dr. B. C. Roy, Premier of West Bengal, Maj.-Gen. Lakhinder Singh, G.O.C.-in-C. Bengal, Bihar and Orissa area, and Mrs. U. Chatterjee, sister-in-law of Mrs. Naidu.

The Governor and Maj-Gen. Lakhinder Singh placed wreaths at the foot of the pedestal of which the Urn containing the ashes stood at the ghat.

The Premier Dr. Roy laid wreaths on behalf of Mrs. Naidu's daughters. Wreaths were also sent on behalf of the Government, the Provincial Congress Committee and other institutions.

Hymns from the Gita were read and 'Ramdhun' was also sung.

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Governor Entertains Reuter Delegation

BOMBAY March 11 (A.P.I): The Reuter goodwill delegation to India, consisting of Lord Layton (leader), Mr. K. A. Henderson, Mr. Malcolm Graham and Mr. C. J. Chancellor, were entertained to an evening party by the Governor of Bombay and Rani Maharaj Singh at the lawns of Government House today.

A large and distinguished gathering present included the Premier, Mr. B. G. Kher, the Mayor, Dr. M. U. Mascarenhas, the Sheriff, Mr Joachim Alva and Mrs. Violet Alva, the United Kingdom Deputy High Commissioner, Mr. G. V. Kitson and Mrs. Kitson, the American Consul-General, Mr. C. H. Timberlake and Mrs. Timberlake, Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Munshi, Sir Ardeshir Dalal, Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas, Sir Chunilal B. Mehta, Mr. M. D. Bhat, Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay Mr. V. T. Dehejia, Home Secretary, the Advocate-General, Mr. C. K. Daphtary and Mrs. Daphtary, Mr N. M. Cama, Mr. I. S. Jehu, Mr. S. Natarajan, Mr. Manilal Gandhi, Mr. Dahyabhai V. Patel, Mr. Walton Cole, Mr. and Mrs. John Turner and Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Bharatan.

Representative Assembly For Cochin—China

PARIS, March 11, (PTI-Reuter): The French National Assembly today began debating a bill to set up a Representative Assembly in Cochin-China.

The bill was approved yesterday after a stormy all-night debate by the Assembly of the French Union, in which all French overseas territories are represented.

If the French National Assembly passes the bill the Cochin-China Assembly will be asked to decide whether Cochin-China—"rice bowl" of Indo-China—should join Annam and Tongking to form one state of Vietnam in accordance with the agreement signed here on Tuesday by the French Government and Bao Dai, ex-Emperor of Annam.

TRANSJORDAN—ISRAELI AGREEMENT SIGNED

Sharett Accuses Arab Legion Of Violation Of Frontier

BUNCHE WARNS BOTH SIDES AGAINST BREACH OF CEASE-FIRE ORDER

RHODES, March 11 (PTI-Reuter): Transjordan and Israel signed a formal cease-fire here today after pressure from Palestine Mediator Dr. Ralph Bunche to avert complete breakdown of their armistice talks over military activity in the Negev "Wedge".

The agreement was signed for Israeli by Mr. Rouvain Shiloah, head of his country's delegation, and Lieut-Colonel Moshe Dayan, his deputy.

Colonel El Jundi signed for Transjordan as head of his delegation along wih Lieut-Colonel Mohamed Maati, his deputy.

The cease-fire binds both sides to observe a truce without any restriction on the disposition of their forces within the territory they occupy.

Informed sources said the agreement differed from that signed between the Israelis and Egyptians in that this one specifies areas affected.

SHARETT INDICTS ARAB LEGION

In Tel-Aviv Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett accused the Arab Legion of sending a small patrol across the Israeli frontier, 25 miles north of the Gulf of Akaba but dismissed it as a "minor incident". Shots were fired but no one was wounded, he said.

It was near this point on the frontier that Amman authorities yesterday charged Israeli forces with driving five miles into Transjordan territory.

There was no further news of fighting in the southern Negev, where Israeli troops were reported digging in on the shores of the Gulf of Akaba within sight of a British force stationed at the Transjordan port of Akaba.

Dr. Paul John, personal representative of Dr Bunch, left Rhodes by air today to investigate the Transjordan charges of Israeli incursions across the frontier.

DR. BUNCHE'S WARNING

The Israeli-Transpordan cease-fire will be effective until superseded by general armistice. It extends the scope of the Jerusalem cease-fire in effect since November, but does not cover the central Palestine "Arab Triangle" occupied by Transjordan's Iraqi allies.

Dr. Bunche warned both sides yesterday that he would charge them with a breach of the Security Council's cease-fire order if they carried on military activities in the Akaba area.

Foreign Minister Sharett in Tel-Aviv firmly denied charges that Israeli troops had crossed the Transjordan frontier and said their movements were strictly confined to Israeli territory.

BRITISH TROOPS UNWANTED IN AKABA

Israeli troops made to contact with British troops stationed in Akaba, Mr. Sharett said.

Israel had assured the British Government "some days ago" that was no question of any Israeli initiative against British Troops. Nevertheless Israel still considered their presence in Akaba unwarranted, he added.

Emphasising that Akaba port was in Transjordan territory, Mr. Sharett said, "The entire Israeli Negev is in our hands and I hope it is well guarded".

A force of several hundred Jewish soldiers was tonight digging-in in the desert about one and a half miles from the Akaba perimeter where British troops are on the alert for any attack, according to latest military information in authoritative quarters in Cairo.

YEMENITE JEWS FLY TO ISRAEL

TEL-AVIV, March 11 (PTI-Reuter): Believing themselves to belong to Israel's lost tribes a group of Yemenite

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Referendum On Future Of French India

PARIS March 10 (PTI-Reuter): Whether French India will stay within the French Union will be decided by referendum, a spokesman of the French-India Department of the Overseas Ministry said here today.

PRICE OF PETROL

NEW DELHI, March 11, (U.P.I.): Enquiries made in the Ministry of Transport, Government of India, reveal that the popular notion about what is regarded as "unauthorised" rise in the price of petrol from Rs. 2-6-0 to Rs. 2-9-0 per gallon since presentation of the central budget proposals in the parliament on February 28 last is misconceived.

As a matter of fact, according to the Finance Act, 1949, which was published in the Gazette of India on March 5 last, the import duty on motor spirit was increased by 3 annas per gallon from March 1, 1949, and not from April 1, 1949 as was expected by the lay public.

KARENS — ADVANCE ALONG MANDALAY ROAD

RANGOON, March 11, (PTI-Reuter) Fighting is going on thirteen miles north of Mandalay following the occupation by Karen rebels on Wednesday of the nearby Burmese army centre of Maymyo, an official communique said here tonight.

A Government spokesman stated that Karens were advancing along the Mandalay-Maymyo road, apparently to relieve a force encircled at Myitnge to the south.

The communique claimed the Government was "in control" of all areas between Toungoo and Meiktila—central Burmese towns about 140 miles apart, lying between Mandalay and Rangoon. Government troops "advanced into enemy lines" in the Kyalikas district south of Myitnge, it said.

HEAVY CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON REBELS

It claimed "heavy casualties" on rebels in clashes near Maubin in the Irrawardy delta, between Rangoon and Bassein. In the Henzada district about eight miles notrh west of Rangoon Two small towns had been reoccupied.

The communique added that "Karen and Communist rebels were concentrating in Hmawbi about fifteen miles north of Insein.

PENANG:— Evacuated wives and families of the British Service Mis- after a stormy all night debate by air this evening.

SECURITY PRESS FOR PAKISTAN.

KARACHI, March 11. (U.P.I.): The Governor-General of Pakistan, Khwaja Nazimuddin, to-day laid the foundation stone of the Pakistan Security Printing Press building. The starting of the working of this press will make Pakistan independent in printing its own security documents, bank notes and stamps. The press will be managed by the Pakistan Security Printing Corporation which will be assisted by the world-famous security printing experts, the Thomasde-Larue and Company.

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(b) Qualifications
(c) Employment and Experience
(d) Postal Address.

9. Last date for receipt of applications is 7th March, 1949. Selection will commence shortly after the receipt of applications at Army Hqrs. An application for a declaration of eligibility should also be enclosed by those affected by para 3(c) above. Such candidates must give a declaration that they are willing to adopt Indian nationality. 3652

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Transfer Books of the Bank will be closed from the 28th March, to 12th April, 1949, both days inclusive. 3676

B.B. & C.I. RAILWAY
(M. G. System)
TENDER NOTICE

1. SEALED TENDERS are INVITED for loading, unloading and stacking of coal, firewood, unserviceable sleepers, material etc. in the Loco. and Carriage and Wagon Shops, Ajmer for the period from 1-4-49 to 31-3-1950.

2. Forms containing detailed particulars regarding schedule, necessary conditions for submission of tender forms the terms of the agreement for the contract can be had from the office of the Dy. Chief Mech. Engineer (Works) Ajmer on payment of Rs. 2/- for the tender.

3. The tenders must reach the office of the undersigned by 12 Midday the 21st March 1949 and on the same day, they will be opened and read out between 2 and 3 P.M. in the presence of the Tenderers or their Agents if they choose to attend.

4. Tenders by wire will not be accepted.

5. The undersigned does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender and reserves the right to accept any tender in whole or in part.

G. V. N. ACHARYA,
Dy. Chief Mech. Engineer (Works)

Ajmer, Dated 7th March, 1949. 3678

PUBLIC NOTICES

"MILK"
INAUGURATION OF MILK COLONY
NOTICE

EVEN THOUGH the B.B. & C.I. Railway authorities are making special arrangements at the level crossing near Goregaon Station on the afternoon on Sunday the 13th March 1949, due to very heavy traffic expected on the occasion, the undersigned would be grateful if those attending the function will kindly leave their residences well before 4 P.M. to allow for any delay in going through the level crossing, and in the parking of cars at the Colony itself.

Those who have intimated that they will join the buses at the Secretariat (Mayo Road frontage) are also likewise requested to be well in time, as the buses will leave from there at 4 P.M. sharp.
9-3-1949.

D. N. KHURODY.
Milk Commissioner, Bombay. 3682

BOMBAY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from subjects of the Indian Union and non-Muslim refugees from Pakistan, BEFORE 25-4-1949 for the post of SPECIAL LEPROSY OFFICER FOR BOMBAY PROVINCE. PAY: Rs. 220-650 PLUS Rs. 50/- special Leprosy allowance and Rs. 50/- in lieu of private practice PLUS compensatory local allowance, cost of living allowance and travelling allowance admissible under the rules. Higher initial pay may be given. AGE: Not more than 28 years in the case of candidates who are M.B.B.S. or M.C.P.S. and not more than 30 years in the case of candidates with certain post-graduate qualifications on 1-7-1949. Limit relaxable for candidates with training and experience of Leprosy work and no limit for Bombay Government servants. QUALIFICATION'S. M.B.B.C. (Bombay) or equivalent qualification or M. C. P.S. obtained after 30-4-1944 or higher qualification. Application form supplied on receipt of large addressed envelope with 3½ annas postage stamps and a CROSSED Indian Postal Order for Re. 1/- payable to the "Secretary Bombay Public Service Commission, Bombay", who will also supply full details on request. 3670

BOMBAY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED BEFORE 16-4-49 from persons domiciled in Bombay Province and non-Muslim refugees from Pakistan for the post of SUPERINTENDENT, BEGGARS' HOME, VISAPUR. PAY:— Rs. 220-340 PLUS dearness allowance admissible under the rules and free quarters. QUALIFICATIONS:— (a) degree of recognised univerasity and (b) either diploma or certificate of recognised course of training in social service OR experience of social service work preferably in institutional management. AGE:— Not less than 25 and not more than 35 years on 1-7-49. Not applicable to Bombay Government servants. Application form supplied on receipt of large addressed envelope with 3½ annas postage stamps and a CROSSED Indian Postal Order for Re. 1/- payable to "Secretary, Bombay Public Service Commission, Bombay", who will also supply full details on request. 3671

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

THE FOLLOWING NOTICE OF MOTION, given under Section 36 (M) and (N) of the Municipal Act, will be placed before the Adjourned Budget Meeting of the Corporation:—

46. By Mr. Ganpatishankar N. Desai—For increasing the provision made in the Revised Loan Works Budget for 1948-49 under II—Water Works, Item No. 101.—Providing two additional outlets in the Tansa Dam, to Rs. 8,10,364, etc.

By Order of His Worship the Mayor,
B. V. MODY,
Municipal Secretary.
Municipal Corporation Office, Bombay, 11th March 1949. 3689

HEAVY EARTHMOVING EQUIPMENT

BLACKWOOD HODGE (INDIA) LTD., are the exclusive distributors for the whole of India for FUCLID Bottum and Rear Dump Wagons, EUCLID Loaders, CUMMINS DIESEL ENGINES, MARION EXCAVATORS PARMANCO DRILLS and other HEAVY EARTHMOVING EQUIPMENT. Please send your enquiries to BLACKWOOD HODGE (INDIA) LTD., P. O. Box 8954 Calcutta

TENDER NOTICE

THE DIVISIONAL ENGINEER, GIP Railway, Loco Offices Building, Parel invites tenders upto 3 P.M. on 28-3-1949 for "Provision of Inspection pits and washing platforms at Kurla Car Shed". The form of tender, schedule and conditions of contract can be obtained from his office on payment of Rs. 2/- per set. Copies of drawings will be supplied on an additional payment of Rs. 8/- per set. These sums will not be refunded. 3684

PUBLIC NOTICES

FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Advertisement No. 16

APPLICATIONS INVITED for the undermentioned posts from nationals of Indian Dominion by birth or by domicile. Persons of Indian descent or citizens of the Indian States which have not acceded to the Indian Dominion or citizens of the Pakistan Dominion or of any other territory adjacent to India are also eligible but a declaration of eligibility issued by the Government of the Dominion of India will be necessary in their case before appointment. Upper age limit relaxable by 3 years for Scheduled Caste candidates. For others age limits will be strictly adhered to save in exceptional circumstances and in no case beyond a limit of three years. Particulars and application forms from Secretary, Federal Public Service Commission, Council House, Post Box No. 186, New Delhi. When applying for forms candidates must specify the name of the post. Closing date for applications with treasury receipt or Crossed Indian Postal Order for Rs. 7/8/- (Rs. 1|14|- for Scheduled Caste Candidates) 9TH APRIL 1949. The Crossed Postal Order should be marked payable to Secretary, Federal Public Service Commission at New Delhi Post Office. The Commission may, at their discretion, remit the prescribed application fee where they are satisfied that the applicant is a BONA FIDE refugee and is not in a position to pay the prescribed fee. Cheques or Money Orders not accepted. Separate application with separate fee required for each post. Candidates from outside India may apply on plain paper if prescribed application form not available. Such candidates should deposit their fees at the Office of the High Commissioner for India or of the Indian Ambassador or of the Government of India's Representative as the case may be and attach the receipts to their applications. Two weeks' extension allowed to candidates residing abroad. No candidate will be considered for appointment unless he appears for a personal interview if called upon to do so.

1. ONE ASSISTANT RESEARCH OFFICER (RIVERINE AND LACUSTRINE) IN THE CENTRAL FISHERIES RESEARCH STATION, PULTA|CALCUTTA, UNDER THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, NEW DELHI. Post temporary but likely to become permanent. Other things being equal preference will be given to a scheduled caste candidate. AGE:— Below 35 years. PAY:— Rs. 275-25-500-E.B.-30-650-30-800. Higher initial pay up to a maximum of Rs. 350/- p.m. may be granted to a specially well-qualified and experienced candidate. QUALIFICATIONS:— ESSENTIAL — (i) M.Sc. Degree in Zoology of a recognised Indian or Foreign University or its equivalent. (ii) At least three years' training in a zoological laboratory, with knowledge of fresh water zoology. (iii) Experience of carrying out original research work, as evidenced by publications, copies of which should be sent. DESIRABLE— (i) Doctorate Degree in Zoology. (ii) Experience of work on fresh water and|or estuarine fisheries.

2. ONE JUNIOR SCIENTIFIC OFFICER (SPECTROSCOPY), TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT ESTABLISHMENT LABORATORY (STORES), KANPUR, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE. Post temporary but likely to become permanent. AGE:— Below 40 years. PAY:— Rs. 350-350-380-380-30-590-E. B.-30-770-40-850. QUALIFICATIONS:— ESSENTIAL:— (i) First Class M.Sc. Degree of a recognised University or its equivalent. (ii) Should have had at least 5 years' post-graduate experience of research in X-Rays and Spectroscopy and ability to erect and maintain equipments in these fields of work. (iii) Experience in the practical application of physics to problems arising from military requirements. DESIRABLE:— Applied and industrial experience.

3. ONE TEMPORARY DEPUTY ADVERTISING CONSULTANT IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING. AGE:— Above 30 years. PAY:— Rs. 1000-50-1300. QUALIFICATIONS:— (i) Degree in Arts of a recognised university, with good all-round education. (ii) Experience in creative work, including copy writing, visuals and planning in advertising media and mechanicals. (iii) Should have worked in an executive capacity in an advertising agency or an equivalent or similar branch of Government Department and must have gained sound administrative experience and be capable of running an office. (iv) Good personality (The candidate will have to contact other Departments of the Government of India and take part in discussions and conferences).

4. TWO SENIOR DIRECTORS, FILMS DIVISION, BOMBAY, MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING. Posts temporary but likely to become permanent. AGE:— Between 30 and 45 years. PAY:— Rs. 950-50-1150. QUALIFICATIONS:— ESSENTIAL At least seven years' experience in film production, including experience of producing documentary films. DESIRABLE:— (i) Degree of a recognised Indian or Foreign University. (ii) Cultural background and creative talent.

5. SIX CAMERAMEN (DOCUMENTARIES), FILMS DIVISION, BOMBAY, MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING. Posts temporary but likely to become permanent. AGE:— Below 45 years. PAY:— Rs. 400-25-500-30-590. QUALIFICATIONS:— (i) Working knowledge of English. (ii) At least seven years' experience as a motion picture cameraman.

6. ONE TEMPORARY ASSISTANT ADVERTISING CONSULTANT IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING. AGE:— Between 25 and 35 years. PAY:— Rs. 350-25-500-30-620. QUALIFICATIONS:— ESSENTIAL— (i) Degree in Arts of a recognised university, with good all-round education. (ii) Three years or more continuous experience in an advertising agency or similar organisation of a Government Department. (iii) Ability to supervise production and release of compaigns. DESIRABLE:— Creative ability.

7. ONE TEMPORARY SUPERINTENDENT, MATHEMATICAL INSTRUMENT OFFICE, CALCUTTA, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY. AGE:— Between 30 and 45 years. PAY:— For direct recruits—Rs. 1300-60-1600. For persons who have been in continuous employ since 15th July, 1931—Rs. 1350-100-1750. Scales liable to revision on reorganisation of the M.I.O. QUALIFICATIONS:— ESSENTIAL— (i) Degree in Science with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics as subjects of study or Degree in Mechanical Engineering or an equivalent qualification. (ii) At least 7 years' experience in a position of responsibility in a precision machine shop or factory or a scientific research laboratory. DESIRABLE:— Experience in handling stores. 3667

FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

THE FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION will hold at Allahabad, Bombay, Calcutta, Cuttack, Delhi, Madras, Nagpur, Patna and Simla a combined competitive examination commencing on 25.7.49 for recruitment to

(1) The Indian Administrative Service,
(2) The Indian Foreign Service,
(3) The Indian Police Service,
(4) The Indian Audit and Accounts Service,
(5) The Military Accounts Department,
(6) The Indian Railway Accounts Service,
(7) The Imperial Customs Service,
(8) The Income Tax Officers (Class I, Grade II) Service,
(9) The Transportation (Traffic) and Commercial Departments of the Superior Revenue Establishment of State Railways,
(10) The Establishment Department of State Railways,
(11) The Indian Postal Service, Class I.

AGE-LIMITS: For Services (9) and (10): 21-25 years on 1|1|49. For other Services 21-24 years on 1.1.49. Upper limit relaxable by three years in favour of Scheduled Castes and BONA FIDE refugees from Pakistan. Upper limit also relaxable upto 35 years in favour of political sufferers. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: For Services (1) and (2): A degree in Arts, Science or Commerce of a recognized University or its equivalent. For other Services: A degree of a recognized University or its equivalent. FULL PARTICULARS and application forms obtainable from Secretary, Federal Public Service Commission, P.O. Box No. 186, Council House, New Delhi. CLOSING DATE for applications with necessary certificates and a treasury receipt or crossed Indian Postal orders for Rs. 62|8|- (Rs. 20|10|- in the case of Scheduled Caste candidates) 23.4.49. 3663

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
Augmentation of the City's Water Supply
VAITARNA CUM TANSA SCHEME.

THE SPECIAL ENGINEER invites sealed quotations for the following vehicles:—

(1) Solo Motor Cycle complete with necessary tools, battery, etc. —2 Nos.
(2) Motor Vehicles—4 Nos.

The forms of quotations together with the specifications shall be available from the Construction Engineer's office, Vaitarna-cum-Tansa Scheme, Ex. Trust Building, Murzban Road, Fort, Bombay, at Rs. 1/- each, per item, not refundable. The forms will not be sent by post.

The quotations for each item should be enclosed in separate sealed envelopes addressed to the Construction Engineer, superscribed "Quotations for ....." and delivered at the above office, NOT LATER THAN 1 P.M. (B.T.) ON WEDNESDAY, THE 6TH APRIL 1949.

By Order of the
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER.
Municipal Offices,
Fort, Bombay,
Date, 1st March 1949. 3668

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE
ALL INDIA RADIO

APPLICATIONS INVITED for
3 posts of Sub-Editor (Malayalam)
3 posts of Sub-Editor (Kannada)
2 posts of Sub-Editor (Gurkhali) and
1 Post of Sub-Editor (Marathi) in the News Services Division, All India Radio, New Delhi. Posts temporary for the present but likely to continue Pay Rs. 250|- p.m. in the scale of Rs. 250-15-340-EB-20-400. Usual allowances admissible.

Candidates must have good general education, knowledge of current world affairs, a voice suited to broadcasting, a good knowledge of English with ability to translate quickly from English into Malayalam|Kannada|Gurkhali|Marathi. Preference will be given to those with experience of Malayalam | Kannada | Gurkhali | Marathi journalism. The mother tongue of the candidates should be Malayalam| Kannada| Gurkhali| Marathi in which they should be exceptionally qualified. Age limit: between 20 and 30 years. Women eligible.

Selected candidates will be called for written test, audition and interview at New Delhi, Madras, Bombay or Calcutta and will be required to attend at their own expense.

No form of application prescribed. Applications should give details regarding age, qualifications, experience; community, father's name, present address and addresses during the last three years and should state at which of the abovementioned places a candidate would like to be tested and interviewed. An application should be accompanied by a Treasury Receipt (and not in cash or by Postal or Money Order or Cheque, etc.) for Rs. 3|- (Re. 1|- in case of Scheduled Caste candidates). The amount should be deposited under the Accounts Head "XXXIV BROADCASTING OTHER RECEIPTS" into a Government Treasury or into a Branch of the Imperial Bank of India or the Reserve Bank of India or into a State Treasury autorised to transact business with Government. Applications should reach the Director of News Services, Broadcasting House, New Delhi, by 10TH APRIL, 1949. Applications not sent in response to this advertisement will not be considered. CANVASSING direct or indirect will DISQUALIFY. 3688

G.I.P. RLY—TENDERS

THE DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (Grainshops), G.I.P. Railway, Bombay V.T. invites separate tenders on the prescribed forms upto 16 Hrs. on 28th March 1949 for the handling and casting work for the Railway Grainshops and Godowns situated at Lonavla, Dehu Road, Poona and Shivajinagar, Dhond, Ahmadnagar, Sholapur and Shahabad. Tender documents may be obtained free of charge from the Office of the Asstt. Controller Grainshops, G.I.P. Railway, Poona. 3690

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. PEJUNJI CURSETJI LAHER has contracted to sell to our clients the plot of land described in the Schedule hereunder written situate at the corner of Jeejeebhoy Dadabhoy Street and Police Court Lane within the Fort, in Bombay.

All persons having any interest or claim of whatsoever nature or kind in or to the said plot of land or any part thereof either by way of mortgage, lien, gift, sale, use, trust, lease, inheritance or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned solicitors for the Purchasers at their office at Esplanade House Waudby Road, Fort, Bombay within fourteen days from the date hereof. In default the sale will be completed on the expiry of the said period and all interests and claims, if any, in or to the said plot of land of which no notice shall have been so received will be considered as relinquished and waived.

SCHEDULE

ALL That piece of land of the Pension and Tax Tenure (since redeemed) admeasuring 54 squard yards or thereabouts and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Collectors New No. 446 New Survey No. 3805 and Cadastral Survey No. 929 of Fort Division and assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under A Ward No. 2524 and Street No. 49 which premises are situate at the corner of Jeejibhai Dadabhai Street and Police Court Lane within the Fort in Bombay in the Registration District of Bombay and are bounded on the North by Jeejibhai Dadabhai Street aforesaid on or towards the South by a sweeper's passage and beyond it by property bearing C.S. No. 898 belonging to Philpress on the East by the property of Bai Sukanbai Badani bearing C.S. No. 928 and on the West by Police Court Lane.

Dated this 11th day of March 1949.

PAYNE & CO.
Purchasers' Attorneys. 3691

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that two scrips of the 6½% Karachi Municipal Loan Debentures for Rs. 10000|- each, bearing Nos. 119 and 120 and belonging to undersigned, have been caked in the explosion fire of Bombay on 14-4-1944, and that duplicates thereof will be issued by the Karachi Municipality to the undersigned. Any person claiming to have any right to the said debentures is required to write to the said Municipality at Karachi within fifteen days hereof.

Hirji Khimji.
Mulji Dhunji.
Ghelabhai Hansraj
Velji Lukhamsi.
Dhunji Wagji.
Shivjee Devjee. 427

NOTICE

TENDERS are invited for the purchase of Waste (Hard and Soft) from the India United Mills Ltd., No. 2 and 3 Mills, and will be accepted upto 4 P.M. (S.T.) on FRIDAY the 18th March 1949, in their Registered Office. Tender copies can be obtained from Cotton Department Indu House, Dougall Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay. 3679

THE B.E.S. & T. UNDERTAKING

SEALED TENDER for the supply of Wembley type lanterns will be received by the Chief Storekeeper up to noon on Saturday, the 19th March, 1949.

Tender forms can be obtained from the Chief Storekeeper, Electric House, Fort, Bombay 1, on personal application but will not be forwarded by post. 3683

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE
SMALL CAUSES COURT, CALCUTTA
Suit No. 82|49

Roop Narayan Dalmia, Proprietor of "Dalmia oil Mills", 29, Banstalla Street, now known as Sir Hari Ram Goenka Street, Calcutta.

—vs—

Havell's Electrical (Sales) Corporation, a mercantile firm carrying on business at 59, Forbes Street, Fort, Bombay 1.

Amount of claim Rs. 438|- being the amount due to the plffs. by the defdts. at Calcutta.

Last date for appearance before the Learned Registrar on 9.4.49.

By order etc.
J. R. SEN GUPTA,
Senior Superintendent.
Small Cause Court,
Calcutta.
The 8th March, 1949. 3687

IN THE BOMBAY CITY CIVIL COURT AT BOMBAY
Suit No. 692 of 1948

THE INDIAN BANK LTD. .... Plaintiffs.

Versus.

K.R. MANI alias KRISHNA RAGHAVA MANI ..Defendant.

To
K.R. MANI alias KRISHNA RAGHAVA MANI Esqr.

WHEREAS the Plaintiffs have filed this suit against you for recovery of the sum of Rs. 3,000|- mentioned in the Plaint with interest thereon at 6% per annum till payment, costs of the suit and interest on judgment at 4% per annum till payment and for an injunction against you from operating on, disposing of, transferring or otherwise dealing with H.S.S. Account No. 117195 in the Central Bank of India Ltd. and for interim relief and such further and other reliefs as the nature of the case may require. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear in this Honorable Court on the 22nd day of March 1949 at eleven o'clock in person or by an Advocate able to answer all material questions relating to the suit in default the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Dated this 16th day of December 1948.

(Sd.) P. A. DHRUVA
for REGISTRAR.

Messrs. MATUBHAI JAMIETRAM & MADAN,
Plaintiffs' Attorneys.
Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay. 3686

AUCTION SALES

IN ACCORDANCE with Section 167 of the Sea Customs Act 8 of 1878 under instructions from the Collector of Customs, Bombay M/s. MENESSE & CO. will sell by public Auction on THURSDAY the 17th March, 1949 at 3-30 P.M. (S.T.) at Alexandra Dock near Sale Warehouse 43-Drums Bisulphate of Soda Powder; 32-Drums Sodium Bisulphate; 1-Case Sodium Theosulphate; 581-C/s empty Bottles.

Under instructions from the B.B. & C.I. Railway and in accordance with the provisions of Sections 55 and 56 of the Indian Railways Act No. IX of 1890, MENESSE & CO. will sell by Public Auction on MONDAY, the 28th and Tuesday the 29th March, 1949 at 2 p.m. (S.T.) at Carnac Bridge, Goods Depot. Unclaimed Booked and Unbooked Parcels.

MENESSE & CO.

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AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE of Rights of distribution of Picture "SATI TORAL" for the Territory of Northern India.

M/s. GANDHI & CO. will under instructions from M.s. Haridas & Co., Attorneys for M.s. Supreme Distributors and on a c and at risk of Mr. Chimanlal M. Trivedi the sole proprietor of M.s. Laxmi Productions and M/s. Motor and General Finance Ltd., sell by Public Auction on Tuesday, 22nd Inst. at 2-30 P.M. (S.T.) at their Rooms, 72, Medows St., Fort.

The Rights of distribution of the picture "Sati Toral" produced by M.s. Laxmi Productions in Hindi Version wherein Prem Adib and Sobhana Samarth are chief stars and directed by Mr. Nandlal Jashvantlal for the territory of Northern India (Delhi, U.P. East Punjab and West Pakistan) popularly known in Film Trade and 7 with positive copies and publicity materials.

Terms: 25 p.c. Cash deposit.

AUCTION SALE of about 2,000 C/s American Message Books, each contg. 240 books, each book of 25 Sheets with carbon and Triplicate total 480 000 Nos. on 15-3-49 at 3 P.M. (S.T.) at our Rooms, 72 Medows St. Fort, under instructions from the Party Concerned.

Terms: 25 p.c. Cash deposit.

AUCTION SALE of 70 Cases Cocoa including 16 C/s Nelson Cocoa each of 72 tins each of 1 Lb. and 54 C/s Baker's Cocoa each of 96 Tins each tin of ½ Lb. on 12-3-49 at 2-30 P.M. (S.T.) at our Rooms, 72, Medows St. Fort, by order of Messrs. Karamsey Jethabhai & Co., and on a c and at risk of the Party Concerned, the defaulting purchasers.

Terms: 25 p.c Cash deposit.

AUCTION SALE of Unclaimed Goods including articles said to be of Gold and Silver, Carpets, clothes, blankets, vessels, trunks, books, cycles and biddies etc. at Military Forwarding Office Platform No. 8 V.T. on 28/29/30-3-49 at 11 A.M. each day under instructions from G.I.P. Rly., and in accordance with sections 55 and 56 of Indian Railway Act 9 of 1890.

Terms: Full Cash and Immediate delivery.

AUCTION SALE OF VERY VALUABLE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AT BHANDARI STREET WITHOUT THE FORT OF BOMBAY.

M/s. GANDHI & CO. will under instructions from M.s. Chandrasen & Co., Attorneys for the Mortgagees and on account and at the risk of Chandulal Morarji the Mortgagor in pursuance of the power of sale contained in the Indenture of Transfer of Mortgage dated 30-1-46 and made between Kesharimal Umaji and Anr. of the one part, Chandulal Morarji of the 2nd part and the mortgagees of the 3rd part and also extended by the deeds of further charge dated 30-1-46, 2nd Further charge dated 1-2-46 and 3rd Further charge dated the 5-6-46 all of them made between the said Chandulal Morarji of the one part and the mortgagees of the other part, sell by Public Auction on Thursday the 17-3-49 at 4 P.M. (S.T.), the undermentioned very valuable immovable property on the premises.

All that piece of Quit and Ground Rent Tenure with dwelling house at Bhandari Street, admeasuring 142/9 square yards according to the Collector's Bill 127 square yards or thereabouts in the Extract of the Survey Report bearing New No. 7515 and Street No. 94.

For further particulars of sale please apply to Messrs. Chandrasen & Co. Attorneys for the Mortgagees at Alli Chambers, Fort, or to us.

AUCTION SALE OF 25 BAGS TOBACCO AND OUTSTANDINGS.

M/s. GANDHI & CO., will under instructions from the Court Receiver High Court, Bombay, as the Receiver appointed in Bombay, High Court Suit No. 1258 of 1948 Virupaxappa v/s D. Hosmani, and and on account and at the risk of Mr. Velji Devsi, sell by Public Auction on Saturday, the 19th Inst. at 2 P.M. (S.T.) at the Messrs. D. H. Hosmani's Godown, Clive Road, Mandvi, Bombay. 25 Bags Tobacco and outstanding of the business of M.s. Hosmani & Co.,

Terms: 25 p.c. cash deposit.

AUCTION SALE of W.I. Chain Links, Pipes, Brass Dome, Nuts, Sewing Cotton, Buckles, Spares Tyres, Tubes and tools for 22 Trucks, 4 Motor cars, 1 Chev. Truck, Typewriters etc., on 17-3-49 at 10-30 A.M. at D.G.I. and S. Depot, Opp. Reay Road Station, Sewri, under instructions from the Regional Disposals Commissioner, Bombay.

Terms: 25 p.c. Cash deposit. Particulars apply to us.

GANDHI & CO.

AUCTION

GRAND AUCTION SALE of very valuable Real Jewellery set with Belgium cut Diamonds, Emeralds Rubies, Pearls etc., to-morrow on SUNDAY the 13th March, 1949 at 10 A.M. (S.T.) at the Grand Show Room of Victory Furniture Works, No. 23, New Queens Road, Dreamland, (Near Roxy Talkies) under instructions from Messrs. Kasturchand Bhagaji, appointed Attorney for S. J. Nanawati. Property on view. The PRESIDENCY AUCTION CO. Auctioneers.

PUBLIC NOTICES

BONAFIDE SALE

AUCTION SALE to-morrow (SUNDAY) at 10-30 A.M. Property of M. Robertson Esqr., and others at Seth Babulal Mansion Chowpatty Sea Face of complete household and office furniture, Godrej, Austrian and other safe, steel almirah, swing machine, typewriter, large Eng. ice box, partition, 12 persons slid dining, writing and dressing table, side-board, show case, zoola sofa cabinet, zoonda almirah, Chesterfield, bed, elec table fan, wall clock, gramophone etc., (S. Tax) Tel. 40213.

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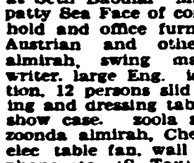




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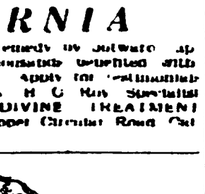
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By sacrificing quality for cheapness, you may be shortening the life of your most precious fabrics. Here are four Washing Soaps of quality on which you can rely.



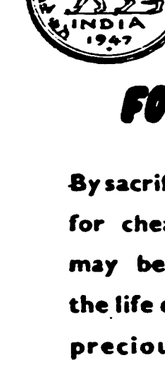
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To-day

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Hightide: 09-48, 22-52.
Lowtide: 04-25 16-59

To-day's Engagements

NAGPADA NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE: Debate on "Should India be a Socialist State?", at 6 p.m.

HINDUSTAN SCOUT ASSOCIATION: Dr. S. Radha Krishnan, President All-India Hindustan Scout Association, will address the Scouts, at the Glider Tank Maidan, at 6 p.m.

SUBURBAN MUSIC CIRCLE: Music concert by Sangeet Martand Pandit Omkarnath Thakur will be held tomorrow (Sunday), at 9 a.m. (S. T.), in the Gujarati Hindu Stree Mandal Hall, Tagore Road, Santa Cruz.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: "Memory of Past Lives" is the subject of Public Lecture tomorrow (Sunday) at 6-15 p.m. at Jehangir Wadia Building opp Flora Fountain.

SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION OF DISABLED AND CRIPPLED CHILDREN: The first annual meeting of the Society for the Rehabilitation of Disabled and Crippled Children will be held at the Physiotherapy Centre behind Riviera (south end of Marine Drive) on Monday, the 14th March, 1949 at 6-30 p.m. (S. T.) A copy of the Balance Sheet which is to be laid before the Society in the General Meeting together with the copy of the Auditor's Report will be kept in the office of the Society ten days before the meeting, for inspections.

HINDUSTAN SCOUT ASSOCIATION DR. SARVAPALLI RADHAKRISNAN President All-India hindustan Scout Association will address the Scouts at the Glider Tank Maidan, (Municipal Schools Committee Office) Grant Road, today at 6 p. m. (S.T.)

BOMBAY PARSEE TEXTILE LEAGUE: A meeting of the Bombay Parsee Textile League at the Dr. Sir Jivanji Mody Memrial Hall (Cama Institute) 136, Apollo St, Fort, on Tuesday 15th instant at 6 p. m. (S.T.) when an oil painting of Sir Homi M. Mehta will be unveiled.

SIXTH ALL-INDIA TEXTILE CONFERENCE: The exhibition, connected with the Conference and to be held in the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute grounds will be opened by the Premier of Bombay at 11-30 a. m. on the 14th inst.

PROGRAMME OF THE EXHIBITION: 14th March 1949 at 11-30 a.m. Opening Ceremony of the Exhibition by Shri B. G. Kher Premier of Bombay: 15th March 1949 to 23rd March, 1949 From 3-00 p.m. to 11-00 p.m Exhibition kept open for visitors.

'ROOPA KALA KENDRA: Anniversary Sunday 6-30 p.m. at Podar College Hall, Matunga —Dance ballet 'Birth of our Nation' by Smt. Hima Kesarchodi."

RAMTIRTH YOGASHRAM, Mr. Yograj Shri Umeshchandraji on "Prashnopadesh" tomorrow Sunday at 10 a.m (I.S.T.) at Shri Ramtirth Yogashram, 448, Sandhurst Road, Bombay 4.

BOMBAY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY: The Nature Education Organiser will give a gallery talk for the public at the Natural History Section of the Prince of Wales Museum on "The Story of the Baya or Common Weaver Bird" tomorrow Sunday. It will be repeated in Marathi and Gujarati at 11-15 a. m. and 11-30 a.m, respectively.

LECTURE ON VEDANTA: Swami Smambuddhananda of Ramakrishna Mission will deliver a lecture on Self-Knowledge" at the Batliboi's Accountancy Institute in English today (Saturday) at 2-40 p. m.

RAMKUNVAR CHARITABLE X-RAY INSTITUTE: For early diagnosis of pulmonary tuberculosis by X-Ray and screening facilities are provided in Shri Ramkunvar Charitable X-Ray Institute at Ranade Road, Dadar. The institute was started a year ago, and now expanded with a new 200 MA X-Ray plant and all kinds of Radiological work is being done. Last year about five thousand patients took the benefit. The institute is started through a donation given by Mr. Girdharlal D. Daftary, in memory of his mother Ramkunvar.

Y. W. C. A. BYCULLA "Women have a right to work, have a right to know their rights and have a right to fight for their rights said Miss Kapila Khandvala addressing a gathering of the Business and Professional Women at the Y.W.C.A. Byculla Branch 34 Motibai St, on Thursday last. Miss Anchees the General Secretary of the Y.W.C.A. presided. The function closed with a U. S. Information Film on 'Attitudes and Aptitudes.'

GUJARAT RESEARCH SOCIETY: The Annual General Meeting of the members of the Society will be held in the Lecture Hall of the University School of Economics and Sociology, Bombay today at 4-30 p.m. The Hon'ble Justice Sir H. V. Divatia, President of the Society will preside. The chief guest, Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta will address the meeting.

PANEL:— 1. Prof. T. K. Tope (Law) 2 Prof. H. R Karnik (Sanskrit Literature). 3. Sjt. Peter Alvares (Railway Labour). 4 Prof. H. P. Chitale (Accountancy).

GURU NANAK SCHOOLS: The prize distribution and foundation stone laying ceremony of Guru Nanak High and Primary Schools Kolivada Bombay 22 takes place today at 5 p.m. Hon'ble Shri Morarji Desai will preside and distribute the prize Sardar Indar Singh Bajaj will lay the foudation stone of the school hall.

FIRESTONE WORKERS MEETING: An urgent special meeting of the Firestone Workers will be held at Poddar College Hall, Matunga, at 9 a.m today.

POSTAL NOTICE: Tuesday (15th March) will be a Post Office Holiday on account of 'Holi.' All the departments of the Bombay GPO and TSO's will observe that day, the same working hours as on Sundays. The telegraph, Branches of the Combined Offices mentioned below will however remain open and work as usual: Bombay G.P.O., Bandra, Byculla, Colaba, Dadar, Dharavi, Girgaon Grant Road, Kalbadevi, Masjid, Mazgaon, Malabar Hill Mahim Mandvi, Matunga, Parel, Sion, Santa Cruz East, Vile Parle and DeLisle Road.

SALES TAX WILL HIT MASSES

Bombay Presidency Association's Views On Budget

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Council of the Bombay Presidency Association has carefully considered the Budget proposals of the Government of Bombay and is of opinion that their Prohibition policy however laudable has, in its actual implementation seriously dislocated the provincial finances and has been largely responsible for increase in taxation even on the necessaries of life, thereby hitting hard the yowest sections of society who suffer most from the rising cost of living. In particular, the imposition of the Sales Tax on articles such as sugar, vegetable oil products, articles of food, cloth etc., will be keenly felt by the masses especially as some of these very articles are taxed by the Central Government.

The proposal to tax electrical energy for industrial and domestic purposes and the levy of sales tax of export would adversely affect trade, commerce and industry at a time when they require to be encouraged in the interest of large production. Such taxation on necessaries of life is bound to intesify labour discontent and further jeopardise much-needed industrial peace. The Council also feels concerned at the steep rise in the expenditure of the general administration, and the Police Department in particular and feels that there is considerable scope for retrenchment. Notwithstanding the estimated deficit of Rs. 4 crores, the Council is of the opinion that the present increase in taxation could have been well avoided by a resort to Post-War Reconstruction and other Funds built up from revenue since there seems no prospect of spending huge reserves in the near future.

DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD TO ARRIVE IN CITY TODAY

Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Indian Constituent Assembly and Chairman of the All-India Gandhi National Memorial Fund, will arrive in Bombay today at 12-45 p.m. (S.T.) at the Juhu Aerodrome when he will be accorded a public reception by the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee.

He will address a public meeting under the auspices of the BPCC on Tuesday, March 15 at 6 p.m. at Chowpatty. Shri S. K. Patil, President of the BPCC, will preside over this meeting.

On Monday evening, he will meet representatives of commercial organisations at the Indian Merchants' Chamber and on Tuesday morning address the Executive Meeting of the Bombay Committee of the Mahatma Gandhi National Memorial Fund at the Indian Merchants' Chamber's Hall, Churchgate, Reclamation.

GAUDIYA MISSION: The 462nd Advent Anniversary of Shri KRISHNA CHAITANYA MAHAPRAABHU to be celebrated at Math Premises on Monday the 14th instant the spiritual direction of His Divine Grace Om Vishnupad Paramahamasa 108 Sri Srimad Bhakti Prasad Puri Gosvami Thakur President Acharya of the Mission

PROGRAMME

Monday (the Advent Day) the 14th March 1949: Samkirtan 5-30 to 6-15 p.m. Lecture in English 6-15 to 7-15, p.m. Samkirtam 7-15 to 7-45 p.m. Lecture in Hindi 7-45 to 9-0 p. m.

Tuesday (15th inst.): Distribution of prasad to the poor 10-30 a. m

"BRAINS TRUST — (LABOUR COLLEGE): Public Meeting at Podar College, Matunga on Saturday the 12th instant at 6-30 p. m.



BOMBAY, Saturday, March 12
244 m. (1,231 kc/s)
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BARODA, Saturday, March 12.
250 m. (1,200 kc/s)
7-30 a.m. Geet Madhuri 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 Narendra Sapre (Violin) 8-30 R. D. Nagoskar 8-30 p.m. Yogendra Dave (Gujarati Geeto) 5-45 R. D. Potdar (Light songs) 6-0 News (E) 6-10 Interlude 6-15 For Rural Areas 6-35 Kariawar 7-0 Yogendra Dave (Gujarati Geeto) 7-15 Narendra Sapre (Violin) 7-30 R. D. Potdar (Light songs) 7-45 Saivnay Nivedan 7-55 Mohammad Rafi 8-10 Local Announcements and Weather Report 8-15 News (G) 8-30 R. D. Nigoskar (Vocal music) 9-0 News (E) 9-15 Narendra Sapre (Violin) 9-30 "Modern Marriage (Play in Gujarati).

SPEED OF PROHIBITION CRITICISED IN BOMBAY COUNCIL

Move To Exempt Certain Newspapers From Advertisement Tax Fails

BOMBAY, Friday.

An earnest appeal to the Government of Bombay to "go slow" with their Prohibition programme and to save the common man from the burden of additional taxes was made by Sir Behram Karanjia in the Bombay Legislative Council today.

While he supported "in principle" the Prohibition Bill just introduced in the House by the Excise Minister Mr. L. M. Patil, he asked whether the moment was opportune from the economic point of view to pursue the programme immediately, by which they were depriving themselves of a valuable source of revenue.

Observing that he was not an addict, he expressed his doubt about the success of the programme as, in his opinion, preventive measures were more difficult to be enforced than the actual enforcement of Prohibition.

Sir Behram said that prohibition, the abolition of salt duty and the ban on export of opium would cost the country a total loss of Rs. 150 crores of revenue.

INSTANCE OF C.P.

He remarked that it was wise on the part of the C. P. Government to have adhered to the Central Government's directive and preceeded slowly in their prohibition policy. He also wanted to know why the military personnel were exempted from Prohibition.

The Excise Minister, Mr. Patil, while moving the first reading of the Bill, said that they were acting in accordance with the Central Government's policy of enforcing Prohibition which was announced only two days back under which all Centrally—administered areas would be brought under this programme shortly.

The House earlier passed three Bills, which had gone through the Assembly earlier, namely, the Bill to amend the Bombay Sales Tax Act, the Bill to amend the Bombay Finance Act and the Bill to amend certain laws in their application to the areas merged in the Province of Bombay.

KARANJIA'S AMENDMENT REJECTED

An amendment moved by Sir Behram Karanjia to exempt food and other drinks supplied in restaurants from sales tax was rejected by the Council.

The tax on advertisements also evoked opposition from many members. Prof. S. R. Davar, Dr. G. S. Mahajani and Mr. R. N. Mandlik speaking against the proposal.

Mr. Mandlik's amendment to exempt these newspapers whose revenues did not exceed Rs. 1,500 a month from the payment of the tax was negatived by the House.

Another amendment moved by the same member which sought to enable an assessee to refer to a court all points of dispute was withdrawn on the assurance of the Finance Minister that the Sales Tax Tribunal would act as the appellate tribunal in such cases.

PROMISING YOUNG LADY MUSICIAN

Miss Bacha M. Palamkote Bids Fair To Maintain Family Tradition

In independent India Indian music is steadily coming into its own, and is bound to receive increasing attention on all hands. That is at it should be. Its easy accessibility and charm are bound to appeal to all rich or poor alike. So also it is reasonably hoped Western music, which has met with favourable reception in many aristocratic and upper-middle-class homes will not lag behind, but continue to attract its select votaries. In fact there is bright future for both the systems in India. In this connection the achievement of a young enthusiast of Western music deserves a few words of encouragement. Miss Bacha Muncherji Palamkote has passed the A.C.T.L. Examination, for Diploma in Pianoforte, of the Trinity College of Music, London, at the age of 20, and while she is prosecuting her studies further she herself is coaching up pupils in the First Steps, and some of them have passed the exam. creditably, from the Darjeeling Convent School, to wit: T. Boy (100 marks) H. Campbell (100), E. Ferring (110) P. Stewart (100), S. Shah (100), J. Weber (82).

Miss Bacha's playing at the piano, with ease and grace, at the time of her examination, attracted the attention of one of her examiners, Dr. Lovelock, who enquired of her whether she had relationship with Miss Bhikhaji L. Palamkote, the noted musician, who has won the distinction of being the first Indian Life Academic of the Trinity College of Music, London. Receiving the reply in the affirmative he was pleased and uttered a few words of encouragement and exhorted her to continue her study perseveringly. (She is a grand daughter of Miss Bhikhaiji's nephew).

Music is inherent in the Palamkote family, and it is hoped Miss Bacha, in years to come, will achieve distinction in the line like her worthy aunt and add lustre to India.

Tariff Board Inquiry

BOMBAY, March 11.

When the Tariff Board resumed its inquiry into superphosphate prices on Friday, the manufacturers were asked whether they could present the Board with an agreed formula to enable the Board to fix a uniform price for superphosphate produced by all the factories, since fixation of different exworks prices would create anomalies. The manufacturers intimated that, as a result of informal discussions held between themselves, they would agree to the adoption of uniform port prices for the raw materials, viz., sulphur and rock phosphate, and that this course might eliminate the differences in costs to a large extent. It was finally agreed that on the basis of common prices for raw materials uniform port prices could be fixed for superphosphate, allowing transport differentals for factories in the interior.

The public inquiry concluded in the forenoon, while the manufacturers met the Board in the afternoon in camera and explained their individual points of view.

Interim Relief To Village Servants

Pending a final decision on the general question of ameliorating the service conditions of the inferior village servants in the Province, the Government of Bombay had sanctioned, by way of an immediate interim relief, for six months from September 1, 1948, the grant of dearness allowance at a uniform rate of 100 per cent. of their pay in the case of inferior village servants wholly paid in cash and 66 per cent. of the cash remuneration in the case of those paid partly in cash and partly in land.

The Government has now directed that these orders should continue for a period of six months, from March 1, 1949.

The orders do not apply to Ugramis in the Kanara district, who have been granted dearness allowance at half the rate of dearness allowance sanctioned to full-time Government servants.

MARATHI GRANTHA SANGRAHALAYA

Celebrates Golden Jubilee

Mumbai Marathi Grantha Sangrahalaya completes its fifty years of useful service to Bombay citizens. In the celebrations of this unique event, the authorities of the Library have planned an ambitious programme lasting over ten days from 12th March to 26th March 1949.

His Excellency the Governor of Bombay is presiding over the inauguration function to be held on Saturday at 6-00 p.m. at Marine Drive appropriately named after the great Marathi Dramatist, late Mr. K. P. Khadilker. The Prime Minister Hon'ble Mr. B. G. Kher is to inaugurate the Jubilee celebrations.

United Nations' Appeal For Children

Dr. B. B. Yodh and Dr. (Miss) J. Shirad have issued the following appeal to the doctors:—

The object of United Nations Appeal for Children's Fund are quite well-known by now; they are such that considerable improvement in facilities for providing amenities for children in the educational and health spheres is likely to accrue. This appeal is directed by us specially to medical men and women of the Bombay Province. It is hoped that every member of the profession will contribute his mite at an early date. It is necessary to make the Fund a real and satisfactory unit so that something permanent may be provided from it for the children of the province. The doctors should send their donations liberally to the Honorary Secretary of the Fund, Red Cross Office, 141, Mint Road, Bombay.

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FILMS TO SEE THIS WEEK



Aroon as Aniruddh in "Usha Haran".

"USHA HARAN"

At Super

Producers:—Prakash, Pictures
Director:—Shanti Kumar

A romantic episode from Mahabharata—the love of Usha and Anirudoth—is cleverly exploited in this film, to make an interesting item of entertainment for picture-goers. It is a judicious mixture of romance and humour with measure of pathos thrown in for good measure. The war scenes in the pictures, might also appeal to those who like their entertainment a little violent.

Ratnamala, Aroon, Indu Yashodhara, Katju Jeevah and Ulhas are all at their best.



Sheila Naik in "Chobeji"

"GAJRE"

At Capitol

Producers: Malik Brothers
Director:—R. D. Mathur
Music:—Anil Biswas

This is a story centring on the familiar triangular contest between one girl and two brothers. It is claimed by persons who like this sort of picture that the theme though old, has acquired a good deal of freshness on account of the novel treatment it has get, at the hands of the director.

It gives plenty of scope to Suraiya Motilal and Gita Neezami, to exhibit the talents for which they are noted.

"NAI REET"

At Central

Producer:— R. N. Simhai
Director:—S. K. Ojha
Music:—S. K. Paul,

"Nai Reet" has for its them ethe adventures and misadventures of two married couples—unhappily married in both the cases. The story has some unexpected angles. A few strange situations arising out of the strange plot, are put to good use by Sulochana Chatterji, Geeta Bali, Krishnakant, Rajendra and Tiwari who are the strs of the picture, in the order of arrangement.



Pushpa Hans the heroine in V. Shantaram's "Apna Desh" to be released soon.

"Bazar"

At Excelsior, Kamal And Kismet

Producers:—Madhukar Pictures
Director:—K. Amarnath
Music:—Shyam Sundar.

Song Dance and comedy galore, charcterise this picture which deals with life as it is lived by actors and actresses.

If this picture has a defect, it is a surfeit of music, which can be quite trying to those who do not like music—at least "Bazar" music.

Shyam, Gope, Nigar and Mangala do their bits and keep the audience lively throughout the length of this picture.

M. And T's "Namoona"

M. and T. Films Ltd., are progressing with their maiden social "Namoona" at their Andheri Studios. The story is by Dr. J. C. Jain and the cast includes Kishore Sahu, Kamini Kaushal, Dev Anand and Leela Chintnis.

WHAT'S WHERE in Bombay

CAPITOL:—
"GAJRE" starring Suraiya, Motilal, Geeta Nizami, Sankatha Prasad, Murad, N. Kabir, Laddhan, and Gulnar.

SWASTIK, BHARATMATA CITY-LIGHT AND RADHESRYAM (Ville Parle):—
"GOPAL BHAIYA" starring Anant Marathe, Shashi Kapoor, Amir Karnataki and Pande.

BROADWAY AND LIDO CINEMA:—
"SHAHEED" starring Kamini Kaushal, Dilip Kumar, Chandramohan and Leela Chitnis.

EXCELSIOR, KAMAL AND KISMAT
"BAZAR" starring Nigar, Shyam Gope and Yakub.

NATIONAL:—
"JUSTICE" starring Swarnalata, Navin Yagnik, Kusum Deshpande and Aga.

NOVELTY:—
"ACTRESS" starring Rehana, Prem Adib, Meena, David and Misra.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE, JAI HIND AND RIVOLI:—
"CHANDRALEKHA" starring T. R. Rajkumari, M. K. Radha, Ranjan, Sundari Bai, Yashodhra Katju,

MAJESTIC:—
"JEEVACHA SAKHA" starring Jairam Shiledar, Sulochana, Salvi, Saroj Borkar and Jog.

SUPER:—
"USHA-HARAN" starring Rathnamala, Arun, Jeevan, Yashodhara Katju, Indu and Ulhas.

KOHINOOR:—
"RAMBAAN" starring Prem Adib, Shobhana Samarth, Umakant and Chandra Mohan.

CENTRAL:—
"NAI REET" starring Sulochana Chatterjee, Rajendra, Tiwari and Geeta Bali.

ROXY:—
"SANWARIYA" starring Hafeez Jehan, Rehman and Veera.

IMPERIAL:—
"GHAR-KI-IZZAT" starring Mumtaz Shanti, Dilip Kumar, Manorama, Gope and Dixit.

MINERVA:—
"APARADHI" starring Ramsingh, Madhu Bala, Pran, Leela Panday, Raj Kishore, Gowri and Manjrekar.

NEW WEST END:—
"NANAND BHOJAI" starring Nirupaa Roy, Manhar Desai, Dulari, Babu Raje and Chhagan Romeo.

LAMINGTON:—
"GRIHASTI" starring Yajub, Lalita Pawar, Sulochana Chatterjee, Sharda, Kuldip, Masud and Mirza Mushraff.

CHITRA:—
"PYAR-KI-JEET" starring Suraiya, Manorama and Gope.

HIND MATA (Parel)
"MELA" starring Nargis and Dilip Kumar.

"Dawlat"

Minerva's new comedy, "Dawlat" is scheduled for early release at four of Bombay's popular theatres. It is the first occasion Sohrab Modi is trying his talents in handling a comic theme. The cast is headed by Madhubala and Mahipal. Janki Dass, Eruch Tarapore and Seeta Bose are the support.



Madhubala in "Dawlat".

PICTURES ON THE SETS

INDIAN PICTURES' "CHOCOLATE"

Struggle against foreign domination forms the theme of Indian Pictures' "Chocolate" which will go on the sets shortly. Producer-Director Steven who has experience of film production in Europe will handle the story. Agha Jan, Urvashi, Shyama and Anwar form the cast.

KULDEEP'S "LACCHI"

Kuldeep Pictures have completed their Punjabi picture "Lacchi" with Manorama, Wasti, Randhir and Cuckoo. The next one to go on the sets at Mohan Studios is "Nach" with Suraiya and Shyam in the lead.

Variety's "La Jawab"

Variety Pictures' "La Jawab" has gone into production at the Shree Sound Studios. The picture has Rehana in the feminine lead. J. P. Advani is entrusted the direction.

FORTHCOMING RELEASES

"Chunaria"

Kuldeep Pictures' "Chunaria" expected to be released in Bombay on March 18 deals with the present-day life of a middle-class family in India. Manorama and Wasti lead the cast, supported by Cuckoo, Randhir and Sophia. It will be screened at the Excelsior, National, Broadway, City Light and two other suburban theatres.

"Meeth—Bhakar"

Maneklal Chunilal and Sons will shortly release "Meeth-Bhakar" in Marathi at the Swastik. The title means salt and bread, the primary diet of the poorest Indian. The burden of the story is that if you serve Mother Earth, she never fails you. Master Vithal, Chandrakant, Sulochana, Anjani and Zunzarrao Pawar are included in the cast.

"Ziddi"

Bombay Talkies' latest social, "Ziddi" is scheduled for release at Roxy on March 19. Kamini Kaushal, Dev Anand, Veera, Indu, Kuldip and Pratima Devi are some of the stars selected by the Bombay Talkies. Direction is entrusted to Shahid Lateef while the musical score is handled by Khemchand Prakash.



A dance scene from "Ziddi".

"Andaz"

Mehboob Productions' "Andaz" is scheduled for release at the Liberty Cinema which is to be opened shortly at Marine Lines. Nargis has been assigned the role of the heroine in this picture. She is supported by Dilip Kumar, Raj Kapoor and the late V. H. Desai. Musical score is entrusted to Naushad. The theatre with all modern amenities is now receiving a brush-up.

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BOMBAY ENTER RANJI TROPHY FINAL

New World Aggregate Record Created: Three Other Indian Records

POONA, MARCH 11 (A.P.I.): BOMBAY EARNED THE RIGHT TO CONTEST THE FINAL OF THE RANJI TROPHY AGAINST BARODA BY DEFEATING MAHARASHTRA TODAY, BL 354 RUNS.

THE MATCH WHICH LASTED FOR SEVEN DAYS, ESTABLISHED THREE RANJI TROPHY RECORDS AND A WORLD RECORD. IT BROKE THE PREVIOUS WORLD RECORD FOR THE HIGHEST AGGREGATE OF RUNS IN A MATCH BETWEEN HOLKAR AND BOMBAY IN THE FINAL OF THE RANJI TROPHY, REALISING 2376 RUNS FOR 37 WICKETS. THE PREVIOUS RECORD WAS 2078 RUNS FOR 40 WICKETS.

The other records were: nine individual centuries in a match, the previous record being seven in the Holkar — Mysore tie; three batsmen scoring centuries in each innings and seven days for the completion of the match.

The match will be long remembered for some glorious batting particularly by Phadkar and Rangnekar for Bombay, and M. R. Rege for Maharashtra.

Bombay will now contest the final against Baroda at the Brabourne Stadium from March 18th onwards.

A world record for the highest aggregate of runs in a first class match was established here today when the Ranji Trophy semi-finals between Bombay and Maharashtra entered on its seventh day. The record was established when Maharashtra—still needing 698 runs for a win with seven second innings wickets in hand—had scored 34 runs, thereby bringing the total number of runs scored in the match to 2079.

The previous world record for the highest side totals aggregate was 2078 —also established in the Ranji Trophy in the match between Bombay and Holkar in the 1945 final.

Already two Ranji Trophy record have been established in this match, namely eight individual centuries in one match and the game entering on its seventh day.

Maharashtra supporters were not without hopes when their overnight notouts Palsule and Deodhar continued on their side's marathon task against the bowling of Phadkar and Ramchand. The pitch was still playing well, but Maharashtra's chances received a set back when in Phadkar's second over Rangnekar took a dolly catch at silly mid-on to dismiss Palsule for 97. The total was then 285. Palsule who hit 14 fours in a stay of 208 minutes was unlucky to miss his hundred by only three runs.

Datar, who had scored 146 in Maharashtra's first innings, joined Deodhar. Without allowing the situation to affect his game, Datar started off in brilliant style, and scored a number of fours which gave him his first 50 in only 29 minutes.

The Deodhar-Datar partnership added a hundred runs in 60 minutes.

After Ramchand had bowled five overs for 31 runs, Tarapore was brought on in his place. But Datar was severe on the slow bowler hitting 16 runs in his first two overs including three fours.

Rajji, Ramchand, Phadkar and Tarapore did their best to dislodge the pair but they appeared to make no impression on the batsmen, especially Datar who, though starting off after Deodhar had reached double figures, soon left his partner far behind.

Deodhar reached his individual 50 including five fours in 88 minutes. The 400 of the innings was signalled in 330 minutes and when the teams broke off for lunch, the total was 446 for four, Deodhar not out 75 and Datar not out 86.

Datar's brilliant knock however ended in the very first over after resumption of play. He went out to smother a spinner from Tarapore, who opened the bowling after lunch, missed the ball and was bowled for 86. The Datar-Deodhar partnership had realised 162 valuable runs in 108 minutes, and taken the Maharashtra total to 447.

The Maharashtra skipper Y. N. Gokhale came out to join Deodhar and helped him to push the total to 484 when Gokhale was run out in trying to take a risky single.

Deodhar, meanwhile, had entered into nineties and with a powerful cover drive for four off Phadkar, who had come on with the new ball taken at 487, completed his century. Deodhar was the ninth batsman to register a century in this match and it took him 189 minutes to score it. Deodhar hit nine fours during that time.

Shyam Joshi, who was now partnering Deodhar, played bright cricket and sent up the 550 of the innings hitting Tarapore to two successide fours. The innings had then been in progress for 470 minutes.

Five minutes before the break for tea, Joshi completed his 50 scored in 83 minutes with the help of five fours and at tea Maharashtra had made 579 for 6, Deodhar not out 127 and Joshi not out 53.

Despite their gallant fight, the huge task which Maharashtra had set out to complete proved beyond them and their second innings ended thirty-five minutes after the tea interval for 604 runs, leaving Bombay winners of the match by 354 runs.

Joshi added four more runs to his total before he was clean bowled by Tarapore for 57. The seventh wicket fell at 592, and eight runs later Chaudhry, who had replaced Joshi, was brilliantly stumped by Mantri off Tarapore. With the fall of the eighth wicket and wicket-keeper P. G. Joshi on the injured list and unable to play, the end of the innings was now in sight. It came very soon when Phadkar clean bowled Deodhar for 146 with the Maharashtra total at 604.

SCORE-BOARD

BOMBAY (First Innings) 651

MAHARASHTRA (First Innings) 407

BOMBAY, (Second Innings) (for eight declared) 712

MAHARASHTRA (Second Innings)

S. G. Palsule c Rangnekar b Phadkar	 97
K. V. Bhandarkar c Rangnekar b Ramchand	 67
M. R. Rege c Mantri b Phadkar	 100
Nimbalkar b Ramchand	 21
S. D. Deodhar b Phadkar	 146
M. C. Datar b Tarapore	 86
Y. N. Gokhale run out	 22
S. G. Joshi b Tarapore	 57
D. G. Chowdhary st. Mantri b Tarapore	 2
S. D. Dhanwade not out	 0
P. G. Joshi did not bat	
Extras	 25
Total	 604

Fall of wickets:—1 for 84; 2 for 235; 3 for 269; 4 for 285; 5 for 447; 6 for 484; 7 for 592; 8 for 600 and 9 for 604.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dalvi	8	4	13	0
Ramchand	33	4	121	2
Tarapore	56	9	180	3
Rajji	31	5	84	0
Phadkar	48.3	16	178	3
Rangnekar	1	0	3	0

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY.

Association Ground.

3-40 p.m. St. Sebastian's vs. Antonio D'Souza (School's League).
4-40 p.m. St. Xavier's "B" vs. Geys "B".
5-40 p.m. St. Xavier's "A" vs. City "B" (Women's League).

SWIMMING

Victoria Swimming Bath, Back Bay.
9 p.m. Asian Aquacade of 1949.

WORLD'S UNDISPUTED BADMINTON CHAMPION

Dr. Dave Freeman's Astounding Record During Last Ten Years



Dr. Dave Freeman of United States, now universally acknowledged as the world's best Badminton player, was in his young days a tennis player of great promise. He was United States Junior Champion and partnered Ted Schroder, the present U.S. Davis Cup player, in many tennis tournaments. Later he left tennis as it came too much in the way of his practice as a physician.

Slim and agile, Freeman is supremely fit and has an ideal build for the Shuttle game. By his performances in the recent Thomas Cup matches and in the All-England Badminton Championships, he has established himself as the undisputed champion of the world, and if figures of his present matches are to be taken into consideration, there is no doubt as to his being a class superior to the best players in the world.

Many thought that the Malayan champion, Ooi Teik Hock—who had extended Freeman to 15—10, 10—15, 15—4 in the Thomas Cup clash—was the equal of Freeman, and he was expected by certain quarters to reverse the verdict when they met in the All-England Championships later on. But Freeman outclassed the Malayan Champion in the All-England Final in exactly twenty-three minutes to the tune of 15—1, 15—6. This victory put him in a class by himself.

The superiority of his class can be judged from the fact that he is the undefeated champion of the United States for the last ten years, and during this long period he has dropped only two games, one of them being against the Malayan Champion Ooi Teik Hock.

Finally in this memorable and eventful year of his career, in establishing himself as the world's foremost Badminton player, he has beaten the world's best players including Dick Birch and John Samis of Canada, Davindar Mohan of India, and Ooi Teck Hock and Wong Peng Soon of Malaya.

Willingdon S.C Win Again

WOMEN'S TEAM TENNIS FINAL

BOMBAY, Friday.

This evening's final of the Women's Team Tennis Championship provided tennis of an exceedingly high standard and truly worthy of a final of an open competitive event. Willingdon Sports Club, who had won the same trophy last year repeated their success by defeating their last year's rivals in the final once again today.

Equally matched, the Willingdon Sports Club and the Bombay Gymkhana fought out a grim duel or supremacy and it resulted ultimately in a narrow victory for th eholders by two matches to one the fourth and last match remaining unfinished with both sides having one game each.

As expected the Willingdon's first pair Miss L. M. Merchant and Mrs. B. Stewart were more than a match for the Gymkhana pairs and they won their encounters most comfortably, beating Mrs. Mudie and Mrs. Barrett 6-1, 6-0 and Mrs. Mayne and Mrs. Cuthberton 6-2, 6-3.

Less brilliant and flashy in their game but exceedingly steady the Willingdon second string, Princess Kamala Raje of Baroda and Mrs. M. D. Bhat fought back gamely against more offensive players from the Bombay Gymkhana. Although they lost their match against Mrs. Mayne and Mrs. Cuthbertson, they made victory certain for their club by winning the first set against the Gymkhana first pair, Mrs. Mudie and Mrs. Barett. This one set made the Willingdon's position impregnable, as even a victory for the Gymkhana at that stage would have given the verdict to the former by virtue of their having won more sets than the Gymkhana.

Miss D. S. Bastavala, the energetic organiser of almost all women's sport in the city thanked everyone for their kind co-operation and requested Mrs. Mherabanu P. S. Talyarkhan the President to distribute the prizes to the successful teams.

It is hoped that in years to come, such tournaments receive better support from the various clubs in Bombay than it has received so far.

The following were the results:

Miss L. M. Merchant and Mrs. B. Stewart (Willingdon Sports Club) beat Mrs. L. D. Mudie and Mrs N. Barrett (Bombay Gymkhana) 6-1, 6-0; beat Mrs C. Mayne and Mrs R. Cuthbertson (Bombay Gymkhana) 6-3, 6-3.

Princess Kamala Raje of Baroda and Mrs. M. D. Bhat (Willingdon Sports Club) lost to Mrs. C. Mayne and Mrs. R. Cuthbertson (Bombay Gymkhana) 4-6, 2-6; vs Mrs. L. D. Mudie and Mrs. N. Barrett (Bombay Gymkhana) 6-2, 5-6, 1-2 (unfinished).

Results:— Willingdon Sports Club won by two matches to one.

RECORD TRANSFER FEE

£25,000 Paid For Morris's Transfer

LONDON, March 11. (PTI-Reuter): First Division club Derby County today paid a record transfer fee for the signature of Manchester United inside forward, Johnny Morris. Both clubs, although not disclosing the fee, stated that it constituted a record, it is believed that the figure approached £25,000.

The previous accepted record fee was the £20,050 paid by Sunderland to Newcastle for Len Shackleton last season, but it has been suggested that Newcastle paid £22,000 to Barnsley last January for George Robledo, the Children-born centre forward, ou of £26,000 for that player and his brother Ted.

OPEN VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT.

Under the auspices of the United Youths' Association the 3rd Annual Tournament for "The Iqbal Memorial Volleyball Challenge Cup" will be held in the last week of March. Entries should be handed over to the Hon. Secretary for Outdoor Games, the United Youths' Association by the 23rd inst., between 6-30 to 7-30 p.m. on week days only, at New Nagpada Road, Nagpada Neighbourhood House, Bombay 8.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE

G. Smythe And R. McCarthy Share Honours

BOMBAY, Friday.

Miss Given Smythe and Mrs. Ruby McCarthy stole the honours in today Women's Hockey League, Senior Division fixture. Both players shared six goals between them of the seven scored by Grey's "A" against Lusitanian's "A".

Grey's "A" have this season been strengthened with good goal getters and Mrs. McCarthy and Given Smythe put the finishing touches to those through centres which come from the left extreme, Miss Ray Salway or from the right Mrs. P. Hickson. Of course one cannot lose sight of Miss Hajioff, who distributes the ball to advantage from the pivotal position. Miss. Pansy Thomas is her brilliant self in deep defence. For the Lusitanian's Miss Esme D'Souza, Ram D'Souza, Elsa D'Souza and Evelyn D'Souza really work hard but they do not themselves make up a good team.

Grey's "A" scored three goals in the opening period. The first goal was a result of a penalty Corner. Mrs. Ruby McCarthy scored. Then, again Mrs. Ruby McCarthy followed up with a crisp drive. Just before the half time whistle was blown Miss Ray Salway standing close in pushed a ball which travelled a great deal in the goal area past Miss Esme D'Souza and the goalkeeper.

The second half was as full as the first and Miss Given Smyth scored, then Mrs. McCarthy soon followed with her third goal of the evening and once again Mrs. McCarthy was responsible for the next goal, for Given Smythe scored off a pass from her. Gifen Symthe crowned her eforts and the sides tally with a brilliant solo effort. This put Grey's "A" seven goals to the good against a clean state.

Maduri Possesses Outstanding Chance In Munshi Cup

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

The following are my selections for tomorrow's races:—

1ST RACE:
GIPSY BILL — Win
CARPET — Next Best

2ND RACE:
BIHARI — Win
KENNERETH — Next Best

3RD RACE:
FLYING CLIPPER — Win
if ab. ARMY AND NAVY
DARK BOY — Next Best

4TH RACE:
TRUMPELDOR — Win
DESERT KID — Next Best

5TH RACE:
COURT DANCER — Win
PROGRESS — Next Best

6TH RACE:
ABBESS — Win
ASOKA — Next Best
if ab. GAY PILOT

7TH RACE:
MADURI — Win
BOOP'S FANCY — Next Best

8TH RACE:
SIR GALAHAD — Win
SAITA — Next Best

CHOICE TREBLE:
FLYING CLIPPER
TRUMPELDOR
MADURI

FLUKES:
BIG BLAZE
TASLAROON

Track-Trials

(BY OUR TRACK REPORTER)

The following are the pick spurts noted at Mahalaxmi this morning:—

TAN TRACK.

MY WILL (Damodar) had the narrow measure of TRIPLE ALLIANCE (RB) when covering three furlongs in 36 2|5 secs.

GIPSY BILL (Md. Khan) moved like a winner in the company of MISSING LINK (RB) over three and clocked 36 secs.

DRY DAY (Dar) held MACK (D'monte) when covering three furlongs in 37 3|5 secs.

GAME BID (Aurobinda) moved better than HERCULES (RB) when negotiating three furlongs in 37 secs.

TASLAROON (Damodar) was too good for SHIRAJI (RB) when covering three furlongs in 38 secs.

ARMY AND NAVY (Argada) and SAITA (Cunningham) recorded 36 3|5 secs. for three furlongs. They have now come to hand.

TRUMPELDOR (Damodar) did an impressive three furlongs spurt in 35 1|2 secs. He is likely to trouble the best tomorrow.

MADURI (Dar) and BHOPAL STAR (RB) made the three furlongs spin in 36 secs. former is at her best now.

POST MASTER (Khade) disposed of PRINCESS PADMA (RB) when sent over three timing 36 secs

KIRTI (Mitchell) was in hand when covering three furlongs in 36 1|2 secs.

FLYING ARROW (Damodar) did a noteworthy three furlongs in 35 4|5 secs.

DOORANI (Duffy) and AJINKYA TARA II (Khandu) made an easy spurt over three in 38 1|2 secs

KENNERETH (Damodar) did three furlongs in 36 1|2 secs

RACE GRASS

NEW MOON (Russell) did a speedy three furlongs in 35 secs.

GAY VAGABOND (Kadam) was much superior to MALABAR STAR (RB) when making a three furlongs trial in 36 1|2 secs.

WOMEN'S BILLIARD TOURNAMENT

Miss Adenwala's Narrow Win Over Miss Canteenwala

BOMBAY, Friday.

In this evening's match in the Open Billiard Tournament for Women organised by the P.V.M. Gymkhana Miss Coomie Adenwalla narrowly beat Miss Maki Canteenwala in the first round.

Starting with a handicap of minus 60, Miss Adenwalla finished the game of 200 up by the time her opponent who was handicaped minus 50, had scored 180 points.

There will be no play on Saturday and the tournment will be resumed on Sunday.

Sunday's Match.

6 p.m. Miss A. Banaji (+60) Vs Mrs. P. Limbrey (+60).

"DUFFERIN" PREVAIL BY SINGLE GOAL

School's Hockey League

BOMBAY, Friday.

"Dufferin" gained a solitary goal victory over Little Flower High School in the School's Hockey League for the Ahmed Sailor Cup.

Both sides worked up a combination that put team work before everything and this is what paid dividends. "Dufferin" had a better deep defence while Little Flower should have today resorted to individual dribbling now and again.

After a blank first half where both sides resorted to hit and run tactics, "Dufferin" managed to gain the all-important goal in the second half of play through their inside left D'Sa.

A really close finish was witnessed and Little Flower's tried in vain for the equalizer and on the run of play a drawn game would have indicated the correct results.

Calcutta 'Varsity To Have Agricultural College

CALCUTTA, March 11, (A.P.I.): The University of Calcutta will soon have an Agricultural College teaching up to the degree course. The college is proposed to be established at Jhargram in Midnapore district and the Raja of Jhargram has alredy placed at the disposal of the Univesity one hundred acres of land and a lump donation of one lakh of rupees for the purpose.

Goods Traffic Doubled For Supplies To Famine Areas

SURAT March 11, (A.P.I.): Goods traffic through Surat station has increased by over fity per cent during the past two months. Not only has the number of goods trains increased, but also the number of wagons in every train.

Food and grass supplies to the famine-striken areas in Gujerat are the main cause of the increased goods trafic it is stated.

London School Of Economies Examination

CALCUTTA, March 11, (A.P.I.): The London School of Economics and Political Science will hold this year an examination in India on April 21 for admission t othe B. Sc (Economics) course beginning from October next it is learnt here. The Examination, which will beld at various centres in India will be open only to graduates of at least second class honours standard.

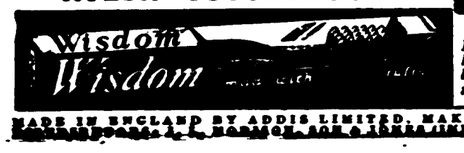
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Half the misery in the world comes of want of courage to speak and to hear the truth plainly and in a spirit of love.

—MRS. STOWE

THE COMMONWEALTH ISSUE

Once again, with the prospect of the Commonwealth Conference in April, speculation is raging over India's relation to the Commonwealth. Pandit Jawaharlal in his speech on External Affairs has again reiterated that India will in a few months become an independent sovereign republic and that she will not seek any association with foreign countries which affects her independence. More, the Prime Minister referring to the possibilities of a strong Asian group developing pointedly observed that it would be largely a matter of conferring and consulting and would be within the framework of the Charter of the United Nations. This should remove any fears that might be entertained that India might prefer some association other than membership of the Commonwealth. In their book on India, Sir George Schuster and Mr. Guy Wint spent a great deal of energy establishing that India's natural place was with the British nations rather than with the Asians. Like other miscalculations, this was based on the wrong premise that India could not stand by herself. And along with other illusions, this too has been proved wrong by the course of events since August 1947. The whole angle has altered. Before that date, it was the one preoccupation of Indian politics that the forced bond with Britain should go. Afterwards, the growth of more natural links can be visualised.

No one has been firmer than Pandit Jawaharlal in insisting that for such a growth what is required is a co-operative effort on the part of all units of the British Commonwealth. Because in all the Dominions national consciousness has developed to the point of their asserting their independence, it is possible to think of the Commonwealth as a union of free and equal nations. In this union something more than a sentimental appeal for retaining the British Crown addressed by people to whom it has this appeal to those who obviously do not have it, is futile. But that there must be some common outlook which is based on principles, is obvious; and it was felt that there was a measure of agreement on this point among the Dominion Premiers at the London Conference. In a press conference shortly after that Conference Pandit Jawaharlal told India that there had been remarkable agreement not only in regard to the objectives but even about methods. He also stated that it was agreed that there should be one membership of the Commonwealth. India has made it clear to the world that she stands for the status of a sovereign, independent, republic. Naturally that implies that, if India is to be one of the Commonwealth members, some understanding must be reached by which sovereign republics are retained in the system on an equal footing with the units which accept the British Crown as the full and satisfying link. This, it seems to us, is a point on which Britain and the other "British" Dominions are called upon to express an opinion rather than India. In other words, the question of staying or going out of the Commonwealth is one which has shifted for solution to the other side. It would be well if Britain declared before India was asked to decide one way or other, her attitude towards Dominions that voted for complete independence. It is on this aspect of the situation that all discussions between India and the other Commonwealth units will centre in the next few weeks.

The racial policy of the South African Union Government is, it must be admitted, a stumbling-block in the way of India's staying in the Commonwealth. To this must be added the reactionary attitude of the British Government at the United Nations. For a nation that claims to have shed imperialism, British spokesmen are far too prone to support other imperialism. Nothing is to be gained by mincing words on this subject. But it is a matter for serious consideration whether this attitude, provocative as it is to Indian sentiment, is sufficient justification for going out of the British system. India's assertion of a sovereign, independent status is itself a declaration of intention to fight for full rights in whatever association she finds herself. It has been implemented, at considerable sacrifice, by India's policy in appointing representatives abroad and assuming full charge of external affairs. So far as Britain accepts this position, it might be asserted that the fight within the Commonwealth for racial equality has not been decided: that it is in fact in the very process of being fought out now. There is no more reason for India to get out of the Commonwealth and the fight than there is for, say, South Africa at the other extreme. On the contrary, there is reason to think that events and developments on the international plane are on the side of the progressive elements in the Commonwealth which would be considerably weakened if India were to step out without asserting her viewpoint. Moreover, it is obvious that a decision to leave the Commonwealth can be taken at any time. But there is a finality about severing the ties that makes it the part of wisdom to leave it to the desperate last moment.

Language And Script

The proceedings of the first Rashtra Bhasha Pracharak Conference which met at Wardha, give an impression that the Hindi-Hindustani controversy is likely to move towards some settlement. An unduly protracted controversy like this has done more harm than good to the country. The resurgence of the spirit of linguistic regionalism is, perhaps, one of the consequences of the retardation by it of the emergence of a national language. Controversies and conflicts as regards matters of vital national interest should cease now. The Conference at Wardha seems to have realised the necessity of calling a truce, as it has accepted the suggestion made by Shri K. G. Mashruwala for arbitration by a person in whose integrity and impartiality the country has fullest faith. Let us hope that arbitration puts an end to the controversy and paves the way to the final selection of a national language.

Declaring the controversy as almost pointless now, Pandit D P. Mishra, Home Minister C. P. and Berar, emphasised the urgency of defining the relation between the national language and provincial languages: but Sheth Govind Das, President, All India Hindi Sahitya Sammelan who presided over the conference, thought that the provincial language would have the fullest play within its sphere and would be the medium of instruction even for higher education as well as be the language of the court and legislature and that the national language would only be for inter-provincial communication. We feel that the term national language should convey a far greater significance than its use merely as a means of inter-provincial communication.

Higher education must be treated on an All-India plane in spite of regional universities. It should bind all the provincial educational units together and should also keep the channels of inter-national contacts open to India. Higher education will fulfil all such requirements only when its medium of instruction is of an all-India character. Clear thinking, far-sightedness and a realistic outlook are essential to the final decision on important questions like India's national language and medium of instruction for higher education. The University Commission, whose attention we have already invited to these points, is expected to examine and make recommendations on all the aspects of higher education. If the Hindi-Hindustani controversy is to be settled by arbitration, we trust that the arbitrator will not fail to consider the question of a national language in the context of higher education. While defining the scope and applicability of both Hindi and Hindustani, Acharya Vinoba Bhave raised another controversial point when he pleaded for effecting a reform in the Nagri script by dispensing with joint letters. Is such a modification of the script dictated by an emergency or national interest? Language, be observed, cannot be created by a fiat, it is a naural growth, an evolution. The script is also evolved. It is moulded mainly by the genius, and dexterity of a people and, as such, it cannot be modified by a fiat. The reform, which Acharya Bhave has in view, will precipitate another controversy and will lead in future, to the difficulty in deciphering manuscripts and printed books in the original Devanagri script.

TETE A TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

WASHINGTON, March 10, (PTI-Reuter):— The United States Air Force has several long range bomber groups specially trained and equipped for dropping atom bombs, it was learned tonight.

This disclosure came from an announcement of routine overseas training schedules for B-29 Superfortress groups.

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A deadlock is reported in the negotiations between India Pakistan and the U. N. Commission on the continued functioning of the "Azad Kashmir" Government and its forces

But the solution is easy. Urged and inspired solely by a desire to achieve peace and conciliation, the U. N. Commission should adopt both the "Azad Kashmir" Government and its forces as its own.

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Parliamentary report: Asked whether the general elections would await the report of the census, Sardar Patel said he could not say at the moment if the general elections would be held after the census or before the census. He was not concerned, he added, with the general elections.

Good heavens

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Criticising, in a speech in Patna, the Congress Government, Acharya Narendra Dev added, however, that there was loose talk usually indulged in by a section of the people that the present Congress Government were moving towards Fascism.

For which Acharya Narendra Dev is entitled to grateful thanks.

Also to a hope that this section of the people at least will give up the indulgence.

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Speaking of the Communists, Acharya Narendra Dev said that the Communist Party had a poor following and meagre popularity.

Is it permitted to —or—mention the dangers of Socialist complacency?

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Karen rebels, a Rangoon message says, have occupied Maymyo, Burmese army centre near Mandalay, and fighting is taking place 21 miles north of Mandalay itself.

English Tories, it is to be hoped, will send a message of congratulations and encouragement.

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The British Ambassador in the Hague is reported to have called on the Dutch Foreign Minister in order to suggest to the latter to submit to the Security Council resolution and to recognise the Republicans.

Too good to be true. And yet sufficiently British to prove true.

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AMMAN, March 10:— An Israeli force was reported today to have reached the Gulf of Akaba, at the head of which stands Akaba port, where a British force is stationed.

That is bound to worry Churchill standing on the two stools of solidarity with Israel and of advance warning to the British Government not to "scuttle" from Akaba.

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WASHINGTON: The British Embassy and U. S. State Department here today were exchanging all available information on the reported movement of Israeli troops near the Transjordan frontier.

And, of course, they were mutually conflicting.

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Apropos of the report, that Molotov has been charged with long-term co-ordination of the industrial and military potential of the Soviet Union and her satellites, "informed sources" in Warsaw, regard this move as reflecting growing Soviet alarm at the progress of Marshall Plan and the success of recent Atlantic Pact moves by the West.

Growing Soviet reaction would describe it much better.

CITY CORPORATION: WEEK BY WEEK

(By "Citizen")

Yet another bye-election to the Municipal Corporation, the second of its kind before the first year of the newly constituted House is out, was held this week. The scene of this contest was Mazagaon, a predominantly labour ward in the north of the city. It was a straight fight between the official nominee of the Scheduled Caste Federation supported by the Socialists and an independent Harijan Congressman who although not labelled as a Congress candidate had the full support of the Congress Municipal Party. A feature of the election was that on the polling day over a dozen city fathers were actively engaged in the election work, the Congressmen working for the "Independent" and the Socialists for the official nominee of the Opposition.

TAME AFFAIR

Compared to the now famous first Municipal bye-election in Walkeshwar held in December last, this was a tame affair. Out of the 25,000 and odd adult voters in the Ward 2,860 a bare 12 per cent exercised their right to vote which compares very badly with the 25 per cent poll in Walkeshwar. This is due to two reasons, firstly the population being mostly working class is not as civic conscious as the educated middle-class population of Walkeshwar Ward and, secondly, on a working day it is really difficult for the workers to go to the polls.

The Opposition managed to retain its seat with a comfortable margin of 350 votes in a small total of only eight times that number.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

It may not be safe to draw conclusions from a single bye-election and that, too when the poll was so poor, but since more bye-elections are expected in the near future and all of them are going to be in the working class wards they will provide an opportunity to judge the respective strength of the parties in that part of the city. But whatever the results, there can be no two opinions on the point that the parties in the Corporation, as well as all those interested in the proper functioning of democracy must exert themselves to create a better civic sense and a greater keenness among the voters to use their votes. It may also be suggested that the Municipality which spends large sums on maintaining the Election Department and holding elections, which are no doubt very well-managed, should think of such educative propaganda as would bring more people to the booths. If larger number of people are familiarised with the Ballot Box and are trained in the art of casting their vote it will be a good preparation for the coming general elections.

FILLING THE COMMITTEES

The elections to the three Statutory Committees of the Corporation held this week off smoothly since the parties had agreed to a list on the basis of ten seats for the Congress majority and six seats for the Opposition on each committee of sixteen. As a result of the new set up of these committees there will not be much change in the Schools Committee but the Improvements Committee and the Standing Committee will be considerably changed.

HOUSING

One of the two meetings in the week was entirely devoted to go through a good part of the official agenda for the current month, while the other day was spent in passing Budget grants for expenditure. The major portion of these grants has already been sanction and the remainder also may not take much time if the House is once again caught in a mood to vote these grants without much discussion. The only question that raised a debate was that of providing funds for the housing of the poorer classes. The official figure in the Budget was Rs. ten lakhs. The Opposition wanted to raise it to three or at least two and a half times that amount but did not succeed. The slowness with which the housing programme was being implemented came in for a good deal of criticism and the answer given was the usual complaint of paucity of building material. This led the Opposition to demand that there should be temporary housing with such ordinary material as is available so that those who are passing their days without a roof over their heads and a plinth below, should not be made to wait indefinitely for want of steel and cement.

CLEANER BOMBAY

What would have been the "Cleaner Bombay Week" seems to be indefinitely postponed as the Standing Committee has shelved the whole issue by referring it to the Sub-Committee of the whole Standing Committee. One need not be very sorry about it, since it has been the unfortunate experience of the city that such schemes sponsored by a few overzealous city fathers, in which the administration is not much interested usually, and as mere propaganda stunts without much material benefit resulting from them.

CIVIC INDECISION

How utterly unserious the whole Municipal administration on the cleanliness front is can be seen from the following illuminating instance. The City Engineer, Mr. N. V. Modak was on the Continent and in the U.S.A. during the months of May to November, 1938. He undertook the tour at the instance of the Municipal Corporation and on his return produced a report, quite an exhaustive and useful one, one must say, covering nearly 200 pages. The report was submitted in December 1941, printed in 1942, and was presented to the Works Committee in April 1943. Twenty months later in December 1944 the Municipal Commissioner reported on the same subject his report covering some twenty pages summarising all that Mr. Modak had said in his report on refuse disposal. After that the matter seems to have gone to the Medical Relief and Public Health Committee, and that Committee in its turn, after considering the views of the Executive Health Officer sent back the collection of all the relevant papers on the subject to the Corporation for being "recorded" with an "expression of the Corporation's appreciation of the great pains taken by Mr. Modak in preparing the report", and for giving administrative approval to the proposal for the establishment of a separate department called the "Public Cleansing Department" and for selecting in the meanwhile and sending a capable officer on deputation to England and other countries to study the organisation and methods of Public Cleansing Department of local authorities in large cities." Finally the Commissioner is requested to have the estimate of costs in respect of suggestions made in his letter and submit the same for the approval of the Corporation "on return of normal times." Evidently that Committee believes that normal times have not returned even four years after the war. This last word on the subject was said by the Works Committee in December 1948 and is now before the Corporation in its March agenda.

TEN YEARS WASTE

When the Corporation takes almost a decade to consider so important and urgent a matter and at the end of that period wants to send another officer to foreign countries to study the latest methods of city cleaning, and again asks the Commissioner to prepare suggestions for approval "on return of normal times", there is no wonder that our city is so unclean and its standards are fast deteriorating.

One wonders why so much time, energy and money should have been spent on so simple a matter. What the citizens want is the quick collection, removal and disposal of garbage with which our city streets are so fully littered and not the leisurely fashion in which the Municipal Committees function and take years and decades for merely deciding things which one again wonders how long it will take to implement, if they are going to be implemented at all. A Corporation that could while away its time in the manner revealed from this instance is luckily a thing of the past, but, if the new House put in charge of things by the adult voter in the city goes on functioning in the same manner the citizens should get ready from now to make a clean sweep of it at the time of next general elections.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Dutch Persistence

The earlier report from The Hague has proved incorrect. The Dutch have not revised their attitude regarding the Security Council resolution and the re-instatement of the Republican Government in Jogjakarta, which, incidentally, they are reported systematically to be destroying. Their representative has made a long speech in the Security Council the operative gist of which is that the Netherlands Government has refused to obey the Security Council and has proclaimed its determination to stick to its own plan. The supporting arguments are blatantly Imperialist and typically hypocritical. They are so blatant and unreal that even the friends of the Dutch feel unable to subscribe to the theory that the Dutch alone can preserve internal peace (!) in Indonesia and that all else would lead to disaster. Nor, can the apparent plan to transfer "sovereignty" a whole year earlier than called for by the Security Council carry any conviction in the bona fides of the Dutch. What is offered is so obviously designed to break Indonesia into pieces and preserve Dutch Imperialist domination over Dutch-created "sovereign" units.

Interesting Development

We have read with great interest the report that the British Ambassador in The Hague called the other day on the Dutch Foreign Minister to communicate to him the views of the British Government, which in effect amount to advocacy of the stand taken by the Security Council and the Republicans. This, if true, is an important and welcome development because the British have so far been conspicuously strong supporters of Dutch Imperialism. This change in British attitude underlines not only the general consensus of opinion in the Security Council but also the significant phenomenon of the Dutch-sponsored Federalists themselves acknowledging the national popularity of Republicans and, thirdly, the feelings and sentiments of Asia. The British apparently have at long last recognised the force of circumstances.

Asia's Warning

In any case the British as well as other friends of the Dutch in the Security Council will be well advised not to ignore realities, the Indonesian reality and the Asian reality. Speaking in the Security Council, General Romulo of Philippines emphasised how recent events had shown "beyond a doubt how the decisions and recommendations of the Security Council are being circumvented ignored or violated by smooth double-attack, outright defiance or the all too familiar tactics. The record shows just as emphatically how scrupulous the Republic has been in its respect for observance of the resolution of the Council." And then General Romulo uttered this warning: "There is still time—though the time is getting short—to establish peace and freedom in Asia and to create between the democracies of Western Europe and the emerging democracies of Asia, a fund, a common faith and common purpose instead of the heritage of anger, violence and hate, which is certain to be the aftermath of the forcible reimposition of colonialism in our part of the world." General Romulo has given expression to the temper and feelings of Asia and to the alternative possibilities. It is now for the Security Council to take the next step.

South Africa's Challenge

As in the general elections to the South African Parliament last year, Dr. Malan and his Nationalist Party have scored another victory in the provincial elections. This later victory carries greater importance, far greater importance, for South Africa as also the world of the United Nations. Dr. Malan fought the provincial elections squarely and very expressly on the issue of "Apartheid", that is, his policy of extreme and absolute racial segregation to ensure permanent, perpetual, exclusive and absolute mastery in every sense and in every aspect of life, of the South African Whites over the coloured, both natives and Indians. He has won decisively. The White population of South Africa has pronounced itself unequivocally for "Apartheid". There is a lesson in this result of this election for the African native. The Whites have chosen a policy, under which he will always be kept a slave. But the result is also a challenge, all the more inescapable in view of the U.N. Assembly debates in Paris, by Dr. Malan and the White population of South Africa to the members of the United Nations and to the United Nations Charter to which they profess allegiance.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Indian Medical Licentiates

Sir,—Medical Licentiates, more than 50,000, constitute a large majority of the medical personnel of the country and have singularly helped the Government in times of war and peace. Competent authorities have certified that the medical licentiates are full-fledged doctors in no way inferior to the medical graduates. But unfortunately the Governments, both Central and Provincial, the army medical authorities, railway medical authorities and municipalities, etc., are still pressing a policy of inequitious discrimination and great difficulties are being placed in the way of their promotion status and permanency.

Only two glaring examples of injustice need be cited here: The Central Pay Commission has recommended the scale of Rs. 100-230 Grade II Assistant Surgeons and of Rs. 260-500 for Grade I Assistant Surgeons. The difference in qualification between the Medical Graduates and Licentiates is very little but the disparity of pay between the two scales is marked. It is therefore, very regrettable that, when the medical licentiates are all the while doing the same work as that of medical graduates they should be given a lower scale with meagre prospects of promotion.

The All-India Medical Licentiates Association in its annual conferences has brought these grievances to the knowledge of the authorities concerned from time to time. Representations have been made and deputations have also waited upon the Health Minister and other authorities, but so far the Government have turned a deaf ear to all our demands.

In the interest of the Indian medical profession in particular and the public in general we wish the Government should amend the Indian Medical Council Act, which does not fulfil the very basic function of the National Medical Registration Act. A medical registration act which leaves out the major portion of duly qualified medical practioners in this country is not worth its name. We now seek to the Act amended so that:—1. It will do justice to medical licentiates both as regards registration and adequate representation.

2. It will define a uniform minimum standard of medical education which is the inherent function of a medical registration act.

The reason for the inability so to amend the Act as to bring the licentiates in schedule I is obviously fear of reciprocity by the foreign countries, but in the wake of independence when India recognises the qualifications of licentiates of foreign countries, the fear is nothing but a feeling of inferiority complex, which is still hovering over the heads of authorities and which should be shed immediately.

Yours etc.
M. D. PUSTAKE,
President,
Central Committee of Action,
The All-India Medical Licentiates Association.

"Educating The Blind"

Sir,—With reference to your leader on March 2, I would like to place before your readers, my fifty years' experience in this field. There are today about two million blind in India and Pakistan. In this Province alone, there are over 50,000 blind of whom about 3,000 are of educable age. Barely ten institutions exist which attempt at providing for a small number of them rudimentary education, training in simple handicrafts and rehabilitating them on extremely low wages. Almost all these institutions suffer from a grave financial handicap in consequence of which, much as they wish, they cannot do enough justice to a cause that has lately come to the notice of the Government and the public.

The immediate need, therefore, of these institutions is a secured financial position so that they grow to their full stature, impart better and more advanced education and training to the blind and widen their scope for more extensive welfare services to the blind. A shelter Workshop run on Western lines has now become the "sine qua non" in any scheme of blind welfare work. In the absence of such a useful provision those blond who complete their education have nothing to fall back on for eking out their daily earning. Their energy and time spent on educating themselves go waste. The institutions which cater to their needs, realise that the money expended on the uplift of the blind do not show any returns. The Government has therefore to give serious thought to this aspect of the blind problem.

There is yet another point which claims the attention of the Government. The solution of a Uniform Braille Code appears to be as distant as ever. The Expert Committee appointed for the purpose has presented a code that has worsened a situation that was not so very pleasant as it was. Igorous criticism has been levelled against it, from many quarters. The Expert Committee was formed to evolve a code for the benefit of the blind. It is beyond anyone's understanding why the advice of the blind experts was not sought and why no representation to blind Braillists was given on it. On the top of it—and as it should be expected—the Expert Committee Braille Code, which is talked about as the Uniform Indian Code, has not been warmly welcomed by those for whose literary advantage it was formulated. The Government must invite informed suggestions from the individuals and bodies who have devoted themselves to the study of Braille and whose seasoned opinions on it are to be respected. The loudest voce was raised against its adoption at the First Provincial Conference for the Blind held in June last which has recommended in unequivocal terms to the Government that it was a Code most unsuited to the requirements of the blind and even the establishment of a Central Braille Press should be deferred till a more proper code "based on the similarity of sounds of the signs" was framed.

The blind are helpless in many ways and their voice, it is evident, has so far been a cry in the wilderness as the Central Government only the other day made it known through its learned Education Minister that it had recommended all the blind institutions to adopt this Code. Several of these institutions have "inter alia" recommended that it ought to be, on the contrary, discarded. As Sir Clutha Mackenzie, a great authority on this subject, has very aptly put it, it is not a good omen for the Uniform Indian Code that it should meet with so much just and wide criticism at the very outset.

Yours etc.
"A FRIEND OF THE BLIND"

The Prickly-Pear

Sir,—This name is given to a plant with pear-shaped edible fruits. It is well-known in Gujrat-India; its name is Hathala-Thor. It was grown all over Kathiawar and Gujrat making boundries and fences of fields and villages. The plant once planted in the beginning of the rainy season, used to graw itself without further attention, getting its maintinance from the dampness of the ground and air.

It was used for feeding cattle in famine years. After removing the thorny skin, the inner-parts used to make a good feed to cattles, etc., and even in good years this feed was working as a tonic for weak cattle.

The red fruits of this plant used to graw in certain season of the year. These fruits have a sweet pleasant taste as human food and are a tonic. In this way these plants were very useful for cattles and for men at practically no cost. The is required no watering and no care except planting pieces of its branchies or leaven just during rainy season.

Now this plant has practically disappeared. Though, after the destruction of this plant, some areas of land which used to be covered by the plant, were saved for another use, its loss to humanity and cattle is immense and un-estimable. This plant has several medicinal qualities useful for cattle as well as for human beings. Snakes can hide in these plants.

A similar plant with big leaves and less thorns is seen even now in some places in Kathiawar, and, if planted just in the rainy season, will be very useful for the future.

Can the National Government take in view this matter and arrange to re-plant this "Prickly-Pear"? It is a pity that such a useful plant was destroyed and was neglected.—Yours, etc.

M. J. MEHTA.

March 9, 1949.

Clubs And Bombay Shops Act

Sir,—Sub-section (24) of Section 2 of the Bombay Shops and Establishment Act, 1948 (Act LXXIX of 1948), reads as follows:—

'Residential Hotel' means any premises used for the reception of guests and travellers desirous of dwelling or sleeping therein and includes a club".

Even a superficial reading of this sub-section gives us the impression that this has been drafted carelessly. Under this sub-section, the guest houses attached to big bungalows in the City of Bombay and elsewhere in the Province have to be classed as "residential hotels". This does not seem to be the intention of the Legislature. Secondly, Section 2 which deals with 'Definitions', does not define what a 'Club' is. Since the expression "Residential Hotel" means and includes a 'Club', a definition of 'Club' is absolutely necessary. Because, there are ever so many institutions in the City which have the name of 'Club' attached to them, e.g. The Cricket Club of India, Ltd. The "Times of India" Sports Club, The Orient Club, The Tata Sports Club, the Willington Sports Club, The Club of Western India, the W. I. A. A. Club House, Ltd., The Radio Club, etc. Now, according to the definition of "Residential Hotel", every one of these Clubs is a "Residential Hotel". To consider Tata's Sports Club as a "Residential Hotel" is, to say the least ridiculous.—Yours, etc.

N. V. SARMA.

Tram And Bus

Sir,—The report of the discussion held in the Bombay Municipality on my letter regarding the mismanagement of the B. E. S. T. Committee has been read by me in your paper. I thank to the Municipality.

While replying to the discussion, Mr. Talyarkhan said that the number of Trams and Buses has been increased from 150 to 250 and 120 respectively. He also said that the Electric Bulbs required for the Trams are of special type as such they are not easily available. Similarly the special metal is required for the destination boards.

Regarding electric bulbs, I have to say that when various kinds of bulbs and radio valves which were not at all available during the war, have arrived from England and America, why has the B. E. S. T. Committee not been able to procure the bulbs from England or America even after two years, since the War ended? It is a surprise that the B. E. S. T. Committee has been able to procure the Trams and Buses, and not the Traction Lamps. So also regarding the destination boards. Inspite of this, for temporary use, the Committee could have easily made use of some other metal for the boards.

Nothing has been said regarding the main part of my complaint in which I have referred to the queue of Tram cars at the Bori Bunder Tram Terminus between 7 to 9-0 p.m. and running numbers of train continuously on any one route. The queue at Bori Bunder extends upto Dhobi Talao and the passengers have to always walk from Dhobi Talao to Bori Bunder. This is my personal experience and instances have been pointed out in my letter along with the serial numbers of the tram cars.

I think Mr. Talyarkhan may say that he is unable to procure roads and rails for tram cars as such a big queue is being seen at Bori Bunder. He may also say that, because the number of Tram Cars and Buses have been increased, most of them are being made to run only on the Mahomedally Road, which is so big enough and easy for drivers to run their vehicles faster.

The Traffic Supervisor is responsible for the congestion of Traffic at Bori Bunder and on that why has the discussion not taken place in the Municipality? Mr. Talyarkhan has attempted to sidetrack the main part of the complain for the flims, defence of the B. E. S. T. Committee by showing the increased number of the Trams and Buses, which has nothing to do with the complaint.—Yours, etc.

S. K. SHANKAR.

Increased Expenses On C. I. D. Unjustified

SPECIAL BRANCH ADMINISTRATION CRITICISED: REFERENCE TO MAHATMA'S DEATH

Morarji Desai Replies To Attacks On Police

BOMBAY Friday: The death of Mahatma Gandhi figured prominently in today's cut-motion discussions at the Bombay Legislative Assembly. Mr. Tulsidas Jadhav, who moved a cut motion to discuss Police "failure to bring offenders to book", was pulled up again and again by the Speaker for straying away from the subject.

The Home Minister, Mr. Morarji Desai, rising on a point of order, when the cut was being moved, said that, he would not be able to reply to some of the issues brought forward by the mover of the cut, as the matter being in appeal was still sub-judice.

Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, Government of Bombay, presented a demand for Rs. 7,02,16,000 in the Assembly today, for the administration of the Police.

SPECIAL C.I.D. BRANCH

Moving a cut motion to discuss the desirability of creating and continuing the special branches of the Police of the Criminal Investigation Section, Mr. J. H. Shamsuddin, said that the Special Branches of the Police were multiplying and it was doubtful if there was a need for them and if they were working satisfactorily.

He felt that the Special Branches of the C.I.D. led to slackness on the part of the ordinary Police and gave a fillip to corruption.

Mr. A. H. Mirza opposing the cut, said that he felt, the staff employed in the detection of crime had too much work in their hands, and so deserved to be increased. He however suggested, that in the interest of efficiency, women Sub-Inspectors must be discontinued.

Mr. M. M. Bhaiji supporting the cut motion said that innocent persons had been thrown into prison on mere suspicion, by the Security Branch. This Branch had to be vigorously supervised, so that justice could prevail.

What is the need of the Hyderabad Branch? he asked.

Mr. R. A. Khedgikar, supporting the cut said that increased expenditure on the CID, appeared unjustified, for with the attainment of independence, the working of this department was expected to decrease.

The CID, he said, had quite often entangled innocent persons.

Mr. A. A. Khan supporting the cut motion said that the Police Department which was blamed for everything in the past, was now regarded as a "paragon of virtue".

The Home Minister: "When did I make such a claim?

He suggested that instead of Police officers being sent to training schools "where they learnt nothing", it was better to send them to Scotland Yard for training.

He suggested that the Home Minister, instead of "allowing his time to be wasted by unnecessary interviews, should go about "in disguise" to find out how the department was functioning.

Replying to the motion, Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, said that the working of the Police, today, not only had multiplied considerably, but called for specialisation, in order to tackle different types of anti-social activities like labour trouble, the RSS and other subversive movements which threatened establishment of law and order. The Hyderabad Branch, for instance, was necessary, so long as the Hyderabad issue was unsolved. Now it was drafted to other types of work.

The Minister said that he did not claim perfection for the Police, but it was claimed that they were improving. The very fact that the Government had thought it fit to punish some officers showed that they did not think, "all was well with the State of Denmark".

He felt that the Anti-Corruption Branch was doing "admirable" work, though it would fulfil itself on the day there was no need for the Branch anymore, and corruption had been stamped out.

Referring to the criticism about the cancellation of licenses of some restaurants, he said, that they had not been cancelled only because they flew the flags of a foreign country on Independence Day. But, they were "dens of dacoits" and subversive and disloyal activities.

The cut motion was withdrawn.

"ALL'S WELL BRANCH"

Another cut motion to discuss the working of the "All's Well Branch" of the Police, moved by Mr. Ahmed A. Patel, was withdrawn after an explanation by the Home Minister, that the Bombay Police, with about 11,850 men required a special department, for recommending leave, promotion and meritorious work.

Replying to cut motions on the desirability of having special workshops for Police vehicles, the Home Minister said, that it was necessary for the Police force to be self-contained in the matter of servicing their vehicles, just as the military was. It was expensive to entrust this work to outside agencies, and since Police work was an essential type of work, they could not depend on outside workshops and factories, where there were chances of strikes. The number of Police vehicles had also, increased.

This scheme has necessitated a demand for Rs. 3,37,729, and starts off with one such workshop at Belgaum, with mobile facilities in Satara, Bijapur, Dharwar, Kanara and Ratnagiri. It will subsequently be implemented by similar workshops in Ahmedabad, Poona. It envisages, servicing stations, painting, machine, carpenter and blacksmith shops, as well as sections for welding, vulcanising and upholstery. There will be an electrical section. The cost of upkeep, including payment to additional staff needed, is expected to be about a lakh per year.

Pressed to a division, the cut motion was lost by 14 to 45.

REFERENCE TO GANDHIJI

Mr. Tulsidas Jadhav, a member of the Peasants and Workers' Party, moved a cut to discuss "the failure to bring offenders to book", on the part of the Police. He wanted to know why the Bombay CID did not keep an eye on Mahatma Gandhi. He wanted to know, how, in spite of Prof. Jain's warnings, to the Premier, the Bombay and the Home Minister, the Bombay Police could not prevent the tragedy.

Mr. S. L. Karandikar opposing the cut motion said that it was not easy for the departments of Bombay Government to interfere with the administration in New Delhi. Bombay's Home Minister had intimated his information to the Police here, as well as to New Delhi. But the Delhi Police, who felt that they were strong enough, did not seek the help of the Bombay Police, who could not thrust it on them.

He was certain that the misjudgment or oversight, which was responsible for Gandhiji's death, could not be fixed on the officers of the Bombay Police, or on the Government of Bombay.

Mr. V. P. Powar said that the "wild and slanderous" charges of the mover of the cut motion, had as the objective, the exploitation of the unhappy episode for party purposes. The Government of Bombay was in no way responsible for the tragedy that had happened.

Mr. G. H. Deshpande, opposing the cut, referred to the "Yellow Journals" in the Province who had consistently villified Mahatma Gandhi during his life and had overnight become his admirers after his death, and had utilised the occasion for scurilious attacks on the Government.

The House rose for the day before the Minister could reply.

British Cruiser For Madras

MADRAS, March 11, (A.P.I.): H. M. S. "Birmingham" R. N. cruiser is expected to visit Madras on April 8 and would remain here until April 19. Arrangements in connection with the ship's visit are being made by Lieut-Comdr. S. P. N. Nair, Madras Resident Naval Officer.

Ahmedabad Workers' Cost Of Living Goes Down

The working class cost of living index number for Ahmedabad (with the average prices for the year ended July 1927 equal to 100) was 236, being 25 points lower than in the preceding month. The index number for food articles declined by 36 points to 238. The fall in the food index was mainly due to the fall in the average price of potatoes from 0-14-8 a seer to 0-8-0 a ser and a fall in the cereals index of 27 points as a result of a reduction in the proportion of wheat and its substitution by coarser grains like bajri, jowar and milo.

Publication Of 'New Age' Banned

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Government of Bombay has prohibited the publication of the New Age, an English weekly of Bombay, till March 23, 1949. The prohibitive order, under sub-section (1) of section 9-A of the Bombay Public Security Measures Act, 1947, was served on Mr. V. M. Kaul, editor, printer and publisher of the periodical. Orders have also been served on Mr. Kaul prohibiting him from publishing Janyug (Hindi) and Naya Zamana (Urdu) till the same date.

Simultaneously, an order has been served on Mr. Ebrahim Gulamalli Sakir, keeper of the United Fine Art Lithographers, Bombay 10, prohibiting him from printing any newspapers or periodical at his press till March 23, 1949.

Displaced Persons Not Refugees

BOMBAY, Friday.

Refugees will in future be termed displaced persons' in all Government communications and refugee camps will be re-designated as 'relief camps'

Food Dropped From Air To Marooned People

PARIS, March 10, (PTI-Reuter):—Food has been dropped by parachute to the people of Brickaville, cut off by floods on the east coast of Madagascar, with passengers in a train bound for Tamatave, were isolated after a 93-mile an hour cyclone struck the island on Tuesday.

ANNUAL SOCIALIST PARTY CONVENTION AT PATNA







Right Top: Flag hoisting arranged by Rashtra Seva Dal. Left Top: Aruna Asaf Ali and Kamla Devi and others at the time of flag hois ting. Left Bottom: Delegates' Camp. Right Botto m: Acharya Narendra Dev delivering the Presidential speech.

Special British Envoy To Meet Canadian Premier

MONTREAL, March 10 (PTI-Reuter): Sir Norman Brook Secretary of the British Cabinet arrived here by air today on his way to see Canadian Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent.

The British representative left immediately by plane for Ottawa, where he will have talks with the Canadian Prime Minister on matter discussed at the Commonwealth Conference in London last October.

(Sir Norman is one of the special envoys of the British Government visiting the Dominions for this purpose, it was announced on Tuesday.)

The decision was regarded in London to indicate the Government's wish for another commonwealth meeting at an early date.

India And Germany's Foreign Assets

BOMBAY, March 11 (API): India will be among the nineteen nations to take part in the Inter-Allied Reparations Agency's Custodians' meeting to be held at Brussels on March 14.

The meeting will discuss claims and problems which are likely to be encountered in connection with the disposal of Germany's foreign assets. Questions of interest to India from the point of view of her share in the German reparations are also likely to be discussed.

India's sole delegate Mr. S. K. Sen, Deputy Custodian of Enemy Property in India, who is now in Bombay, will fly to London tonight on his way to Brussels.

KRIPALANI'S PLAN FOR RESTORING ECONOMIC BALANCE

Implementation Of Short-Term Programme To Relieve Distress

INDORE, March 11 (API): Acharya J. B. Kripalani, addressing today the Sarvodaya Sammelan at village Rao, emphasised the need for the planning and giving effect to short-term programmes to relieve the "distressing" economic situation in the country. Such programmes, he said were necessary to prevent the Communists from getting a hold in the country. Besides, he was of the opinion, that if the country were to reply only on long-term plans, India as a nation would "die and be buried deep".

FIGHT CORRUPTION

Deploring the "corruption and bribery that is rampant in the country", Acharya Kripalani said Government must reform the bureaucracy. It was true that the public must play its legitimate part in raising the standard of morality, but the Government must also act quickly and systematicaly. The Criminal Investigation Department of Government he added, should be vigilant in detecting cases of corruption and there should be summary trials which, he believed, were bound to have "electric effect."

RADICAL MEASURES WANTED

"Government today," Acharya Kripalani said, "are not in a position to teach idealism and morals to the public because their own employees are corrupt. Unless Government undertakes radical measures to improve the situation there is no hope for the country."

Acharya Kripalani also criticised the way the Gandhi Murder Trial was conducted. It should have been completed, he said, within a fortnight.

"SHE DISPELLED FALSE NOTIONS ABOUT INDIAN WOMEN"

Sardar Patel's Tribute To Late Sarojini Naidu

NEW DELHI, March 11 (UPI): Sardar Patel, Deputy Prime Minister of India, paid a glowing tribute to Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, addressing a largely attended public meeting, held here this evening, to mourn her death.

He exhorted the people to follow in her footsteps and to complete the task of upliftment of India, which she had left unfinished. He also appealed to them to contribute liberally to Sarojini Naidu Memorial Fund opened for bringing into being a humble but worthy and appropriate memorial of her—the Children's Hospital.

After Sardar Patel's speech to the meeting, the gathering stood in silence for 2 minutes as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

IMBIBE HER COURAGE

Sardar Patel said that in the distracted and disintegrated world of today when it was full of misery and hardship they must learn a lesson from the life of Mrs. Naidu and imbibe the courage and enthusiasm with which she had fought the battle for freedom and the sense of responsibility with which she bore the burden of the country after the attainment of independence.

IMPORTANT PLACE IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE

Sardar Patel further said that Mrs. Naidu occupied an important place in all walks of life. In the domain of politics, in the fight for freedom, in the galaxy of the learned and the poets as well as the orators she had held a unique position. She had tremendous influence among the students and the youth, among the workers and the peasants, among the poor and the Harijans, and also among the rich as well as the Princes. She was the first Indian woman to become the President of the Indian National Congress —Rashtrapati—and had been included in almost all the Working Committees of the Congress.

DISPELLED FALSE NOTIONS

Continuing, Sardar Patel observed that when India was a slave country all sorts of wrong notions regarding the "serfdom of Indian women", were prevelent in foreign countries. But Sarojini with her magnetic personality played an important part in dispelling those false notions. Referring to her carrier as the Governor of the U.P., Sardar Patel stated that Mrs. Naidu had handled that task with great ability and success. In fact her life was such that there was nothing to mourn about on her death because she had in fact attained immortality.

LOSS TO INDIANS IN S. AFRICA

Before her services in South Africa, the Deputy Prime Minister said, she had been a close associate of Mahatma Gandhi not only in India but also in his struggle in South Africa against the injustice meted out to the Indians. He regretted that now when Indians in South Africa were again being the victims of injustice and discrimination neither Mahatma Gandhi nor Mrs. Naidu was alive to help them.

Concluding, Sardar Patel affirmed the view expressed by Pt. Nehru in the Union Parliament recently that it was impossible to replace Mrs. Naidu or to find her like.

VITAMIN TABLETS FOR GUJERAT BHAL TRACTS

AHMEDABAD, March 11 (API).—A centre for the distribution of milk powder and vitamin tablets in the famine affected Bhal tract of Ahmedabad District has been opened at Dholera town by the Relief Committee of the Gujarat branch of the All-India Women's Conference.

"SHE RAISED INDIA IN EYES OF WORLD"

G. B. Pant's Tribute To Mrs. Naidu

ALLAHABAD, March 11 (API): Paying tribute to the memory of Srimati Sarojini Naidu, at a meeting at the Sangam after the immersion ceremony, Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant, the Premier of U.P. said that all along her life Mrs. Naidu worked with Mahatma Gandhi for the attainment of freedom and the betterment of the country. She raised India high in the eyes of the world. Her life-long ideal was to serve humanity.

"Today", Pt. Pant said, "When we have assembled here to mourn her death we must pledge ourselves to follow on the path laid by her. This will be for the well-being not only of India but the whole world".

The Premier announced donations of over Rs. 12,000 received from the public towards Sarojini Memorial Fund in response to the appeal made by the Governor-General of India, Mr. Rajagopalachari, the Prime Minister of India, Pt. Nehru, Sardar Patel, himself and others.

He said the appeal for collection of Rs. 10,00,000 for the fund had appeared only this morning in the press and it was very encouraging that over Rs. 12,000 had been donated in such a short time. He had no doubt of the love and respect with which people of this country looked at Mrs. Naidu. He was sure that the money would be collected in no time.

IDEAL OF COMMUNAL UNITY

Mr. Purshottamdas Tandon, Speaker U.P. Assembly who spoke next remained the gathering of the highest ideal of communal unity for which Mrs. Naidu worked during her life, and exhorted them to follow it. This communal rancour, he said, had already done much harm to the country and it was time that the people buried it.

Mr. B. Mallk, Acting Governor of the U.P. said that Mrs. Naidu's name would rank among the great women of India of the past like Sita and Savitri.

Eight Arrested At Trichy

TRICHY, March 11 (API).—Eight persons, including a municipal councillor of Trichy, were arrested in course of yesterday and today for their alleged complicity in the S.I.R. strike plan.

Cost Of Zamindari Abolition In Madras

MADRAS, March 11 (UPI): The Government have not yet come to any decision regarding payment of compensation to Zamindars and Inamdars, said Mr. H. Sitharama Reddy, Land Revenue Minister, in the Assembly during question hour today.

He added that the amount of compensation payable to Zamindars was Rs. 12 crores and that payable to Inamdars whose estates came within the purview of the Estates Abolition Bill was Rs. 5.15 cores.

The Minister said that the Bill had not yet received the assent of the Governor-General and the mode of compensation did not, therefore, arise.

International Samples Exhibition

BOMBAY, March 11 (API): The 26th Annual International Samples Exhibition will be held in Valencia, Spain, bteween May 10 and May 25 this year and the 17th annual exhibition at Barcelona between June 10 and June 25. States a Press Note issued today by the Chancellor of the Spanish Consulate in Bombay.



Assam To Nationalise Five Industries

SHILLONG, March 10 (API): Introducing the Assam budget in the Provincial Assembly today, the Finance Minister, Mr. Bishnu Ram Medhi said that the Government had decided to nationalise five major industries and to participate in certain other industries. According to the present programme, the machinery for cotton textile mills was expected to arrive by 1950; 2,225 spindles had already arrived, comprising four units. Other industries about which definite steps were being taken were the sugarcane industry and the paper industry.

CUT OUT R AND KEEP

REVISED RATION QUANTUM

Foodgrains ration quantum for the 11th Rationing Week commencing from Sunday, March 13, 1949 to Saturday, March 19, 1949 has been fixed as follows:—

Total Cereal Ration per Week	Per Adult (2 Foodgrains Units).	Per Child (1 Foodgrains Unit.)	Per Heavy Manual Labourer's Supplementary Ration Card of One Unit.
Total Cereal Ration Per Week	3.1/8 seers= 84 ozs.	1.9/16 seers=42 ozs.	1 seer=27 ozs.
Maximum available in Rice	1 seer=27 ozs.	1/2 seer=13 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.
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(1) Maximum available in Rice Sort 1-A	1 seer=27 ozs.	1/2 seer=13 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.
(2) Maximum available in Rice Sort 1-C	1 seer=27 ozs.	1/2 seer=13 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.
(3) Maximum available in Boiled Rice Sort I	1 seer=27 ozs.	1/2 seer=13 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.
(4) Maximum available in Boiled Rice Sort II	1 seer=27 ozs.	1/2 seer=13 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.
(5) Maximum available in Raw Rice Sort II	1/2 seer=14 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.
Maximum available in Wheatgrain*	2 seers=54 ozs.	1 seer=27 ozs.	3/4 seer=20 ozs.
Maximum available in Milo	1/8 seer=3 ozs.	1/16 seer=2 ozs.	Nil

*One seer of wheat ration is equivalent to one unit of Bread and one unit of Bread is equivalent to 28 ozs. of Bread.

Bread Tickets can be obtained within the permissible quantity of wheat ration at the rate of one Bread Unit per seer of wheat ration.

Bread is only available on Bread Tickets during the week marked on the tickets and upto Saturday of the following week.

NOTE:—In addition to the Government Grain Shops in 'A' Ward, it has been decided to start sales of rationed foodgrains by weight instead of by measure at all the following Government Grain Shops in 'B' Ward from 13th March 1949:—'B' Ward—Nos. 9, 41, 44, 54, 65, 87, 117, 159 and 225.

The ounce equivalents of the maximum proportions of foodgrains fixed in terms of seers of cut measure have been given in the above quantum table.

PLEASE NOTE:—16 ozs. is equal to 1 lb.

The actual prices to be charged are put up in these Government Grain Shops for ready reference of the cardholders and the prices would be charged according to these tables.

India's Battle Against Adverse Balance Of Trade

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more liberal in regard to hard currency areas than in regard to soft currency areas. But at the same time, care must be taken to see that the markets in soft currency areas established through centuries should not be lost because of this policy. Endeavours must be made to meet their demands as far as possible. While doing this, endeavours should also be 'quid pro quo' from these countries—that while meeting the demands of these soft currency countries, India should import from them only essential commodities which she needed.

SURPRISING FEATURE.

The position of India's former exportable commodities, such as jute and cotton, had been reversed. The position now was that she had to import these articles.

In respect of some other exportable commodities, such as oil and oilseeds, there was one surprising feature. Wherever any other country was in a position to compete with supplies from India, they were able to offer it at cheaper prices than India.

High prices which had complicated internal economy were also responsible for a good deal of difficulty that India was meeting abroad in marketing her exportable commodities. As an instance of this, Mr. Neogy stated that jute manufactures from India cost more than jute manufactures in Dundee (Scotland). There were possibly two reasons for this, firstly, the higher cost of raw jute paid to Pakistan and secondly, the cost of the manufacture itself. These were matters to be tackled. It was in the interest of Pakistan itself to have an amicable arrangement with India in regard to prices of raw jute, lest she should also suffer.

The Pakistan Government, Mr. Neogy added, had expressed their willingness to meet India at a very early date for the purpose of reviewing the situation. He was hopeful that the results would be satisfactory.

MOVE FOR CUSTOMS UNION.

Mr. Neogy said there was supreme necessity for having a joint economic policy between India and Pakistan. The ideal solution would perhaps be an Economic Union beween the two countries, but perhaps it might be said the time was not ripe for this. But in a very informal way the Government of India on their side had started an investigation as regards the possibility of a Customs Union between the two countries.

Indian Shipping Works Up

In regard to shipping, while the Government stood pledged to carry out the recommendations of the Shipping Policy Committee, Mr. Neogy pointed out that there were difficulties in the way of their fulfilling their "ambitious" programme.

However, in regard to coastal shipping, he said, Indian tonnage today exceeded the British tonnage for the first time in her history.

Before the war, India did not possess even a single ship in the overseas trade but to-day she had 22 ships, aggregating over 150,000 tons, plying between India, America, the United Kingdom and The Continental countries.

Negotiations were proceeding for the establishment of the first Shipping Corporation, in which the Central Government would participate financially. He hoped to be able to make an announcement on the outcome of these negotiations before the end of the present session.

Instead of 50 officers being trained every year, schemes had been now put in motion to train 150 officers every year for India's Mercantile Navy.

Mr. Neogy said that the difficulty of obtaining suitable ships was one of the factors limiting the expansion of the Mercantile Navy. Some progress had, however, been made and in anticipation of the first Shipping Corporation, Negotiations for the purchase of two ships had been completed. Another factor was the high prices. Mr. Neogy hoped that during the next financial year more substantial progress would be made.

FREQUENT CHANGES DO HARM

Mr. Ramnath Goenka said that frequent changes in the export-import policies during the past two years had done harm to the country.

Mr. Goenka reminded the House that the country had an adverse balance of trade and that they were paying for their dollar imports by Britain from the International Monetary Fund. All these borrowings would cost them heavily by way of interest — 4-1/2 per cent. interest was charged.

Mr. Goenka recalled that representatives of labour and the economists whom Government consulted, and the Congress Party had urged them — in fact every one was agreed on this except the industrialists — to set up an Indian Commercial Corporation for handing the country's export-import trade.

Why had this not been done as yet, he asked.

Mr. Krishnachandra Sharma said that inflation could be met by restricting the import of foodgrains and producing more commodities for export. Apart from inflation, the main problem before the country was to secure a favourable balance of trade. For this purpose the import of luxury goods should be restricted and the Government should endeavour to get more capital goods which would enable the country to increase its industrial production. If the industrialists desired to stand the foreign competition in foreign and internal markets the labour, the industrialists and the management must be better trained and they should improve the technical side of production.

Mr. Ajit Prasad Jain said that India and Pakistan should form a Customs Union to solve some of the difficulties confronting them.

Referring to the liberalisation of imports Mr. Jain said that the Committee set up by the Congress Party in the Legislature had stated that only those goods which were required should be allowed.

PLEA FOR BACKWARD AREAS

Mr. Munavalli said that industrial development should be uniform throughout India and special efforts should be made to develop industries in areas which were now backward. If this was done, Indian manufactured goods would become cheapter, as labour was cheap in the backward areas.

The advance made in the field of shipping in the last eighteen months, he added, was encouraging. He hoped that Bhatkal would be developed into a large port.

Mr. Satish Shandra Samanta recommended that the Government should open a naval ratings training school at Calcutta for manning India's coastal ships. Government should also give careful consideration to the export of sugar to Pakistan on competitive prices.

Mr. Krishnamarthi Rao said Sir Stafford Cripps had stated that ten per cent. of overseas trade was covered by freight charges and if that was so, India by her own shipping would be able to wipe out her overseas trade defect.

Complementing the Commerce Minister for blacklisting a number of persons who abused licenses granted to them, Mr. Krishnamarthi Rao said: "He must spread the net wide and deep."

Regarding export trade, he urged for the establishment of a National Commercial Museum in Delhi and other places and also for the display of exportable commodities in foreign countries. He pleaded for the removal of trade barriers between India and Pakistan.

PLEA FOR SHIPPING MINISTRY

Mr. Virabhanu Pillai spoke on the development of Indian shipping industry. He said that if Government could advance financial assistance to Indian shipping companies to acquire vessels, he was sure the total tonnage would considerably increase. Considering the magnitude of the task of developing Indian shipping, he suggested the constitution of a separate Ministry.

Mr. Girja Shankar Guna said he particularly welcomed Mr. Neogy's remarks on Indo-Pakistan trade. He hoped that Mr. Neogy would succeed in his efforts to increase mutual trade.

Prof. Shibbanlal Saksena, who recently fasted to advance the cause of sugar mill workers, was cheered as he rose to speak.

CATCH UP WITH U.S.S.R.

Prof. Saksena said that Government should draw up an overall plan to develop the country on modern lines and the activities of every Department, including that of the Commerce ministry, should be directed towards furtherance of that plan. Speed was the most important factor. When he compared conditions in India with those of other countries, he was "frightened" and he felt that "we have done practically nothing." The Government of the U.S.S.R., for instance, had managed in 1946-48 to restore all that was destroyed in six years of war and by 1950 the Russians hoped to raise production all round by 35 per cent.

India would have to catch up with countries like the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R.

Mr. Rohini Kumar Choudhury said that Assam had natural trade relations with East Bengal and even after partition they should be allowed to maintain "that great trade channel" particularly with regard to the export of timber.

Mr. C. Subramaniyam said that some public men were abusing their position for getting export import licences. The Tamil Nad Congress Committee had given a lead in this matter and laid down that no office-bearer of the Congress or members of the Legislature should have anything to do with any trade or concern which required licences. If that rule was followed many of the abuses would be reduced.

NOT ALWAYS INDIA'S CHOICE

Replying to the debate, the Commerce Minister Mr. K. C. Neogy referred to the criticisms against the import of luxury and semi-luxury goods and said that unfortunately India was not in a position to 'dictate' to the other countries as to what she would buy and what she would not buy from them. It was true that India wanted only essential articles like foodgrains, capital machinery and plants. But other countries often made it an indispensable condition that she also bought some consumer goods from them to safeguard their own internal economy. India was expecting some capital goods from Switzerland. He had today received a telegram from the Indian representative there stating that Switzerland maintained that they could not contemplate any agreement with India which did not provide for a reasonable offtake of consumer goods also. Switzerland had stated that unless this was done, her own internal economy would be upset. The same thing held good in respect of Czechoslovakia also.

Criticisms had been made that a number of Indian industries had been affected by the Open General License import policy.

Mr. Neogy recalled that in respect of the bicycle industry long before it was put under the Open General License for imports, stocks of Indian manufactured bicycles had piled up. This had happened, despite the fact that at that time the price of the Indian-made bicycle was much lower than the imported variety.

DUTY TO CONSUMER

The same thing was applicable to the Indian belting industry. Indian consumers of belting were refusing to buy Indian belting as they had greater faith in imported varieties. The House had a duty to the consumer in the country also. However, in regard to belting he was soon convening a conference of importers, industrial consumers and representatives of the Indian belting industry to find a solution of the problem.

He assured the House that the Commerce Ministry was not in a position to allow the export of an ounce of oil seeds of any description, without the fullest concurrence of the Agriculture Ministry. But in so far as there was a definite demand in certain countries for seeds and if India expected to import any essential commodity from those countries, the Government of India certainly had to take a reasonable view of the matter.

REMOVAL OF EXPORT DUTY ON OIL.

Referring to various points made by Mr. Ramnath Goenka, Mr. Neogy said that the Commerce Ministry was compelled to approach the Finance Ministry for the removal of the export duty on oil and oil seeds in the light of reports received from Government's trade agents abroad that because of the existance of these duties Indian products were finding it difficult to secure a market in those countries. A London paper dated January 29 gave the following quotations: Indian linseed, 558/10/- per ton, Canadian £45/10/-; Indian groundnut £71/- per ton, Siamese £68/10/-; Bombay castor seed £58 per ton, Ceylon £38 per ton; Indian linseed oil £41 per ton, Uruguar and Praguay £115 per ton; Indian groundnut oil was quoted at £152 per ton and had to compete with rape seed, cotton seed and other oils which sold at £15 to £35 per ton.

There was evidence of increased competition with Brazil in respect of groundnut and castor, Argentina and Canada linseed and the British colonies in Africa in respect of groundnut. Even the U.K. and Australia had taken to growing linseed. The acreage under linseed in Australia this year was 2 lakhs acres.

It would be seen, therefore, that it was not in light-hearted manner that the import on oilseeds was abolished. The Export Advisory Council, the Standing Committee of the Miniary and the Economy Committee had also unanimously advised lifting of this duty as soon as possible.

As regards the specific case where a person had obtained a licence without being able to prove that he had made the requisite deposit with the Reserve Bank of India, Mr. Neogy said that the case was fully investigated and the firm had been called upon to show cause why it should not be penalised for these irregularities. An application for licence was received from this firm before Government had come to the conclusion that there was a case against it, at least a prima facie case. Secondly, the application was in respect of a hard currency area and this order had been supported by the Government of that country. This was the only occasion when it was given a licence since this complaint was made and as the firm had been called upon to explain why it should not be penalised, no further licence was proposed to be given to that firm. (Cheers).

Mr. Goenka: "What about the official who connived with the firm?"

Mr. Neogy: "I am not at all satisfied that there was any connivance on the part of any official in my Ministry."

Mr. Neogy added that there was a case about some connected firms and the Law Ministry was considering whether there was a case for prosecution.

POLICY OF LICENSING

As regards the policy of licensing, Mr. Neogy said that early in 1947 the then Commerce Member found that it would be inappropriate if for the purpose of issuing licences a particular basic period were to be taken during which only a very few people were in the trade because of the war. In some cases it was found that the people who were in the trade were a handful of non-Indians. "The view I took was that we must not have a caste system in international trade," said Mr. Neogy amidst cheers, "and if people had come into the trade on the basis of a policy decision taken by the Government, may be by my predecessor Government, then I have no right to turn them out of the trade."

He was thoroughly satisfied with the basic soundness of this policy, though in particular cases certain shady practices might have crept in. The test should be whether a licence had undertaken trade on the strength of his licence and on that test Mr. Neogy was perfectly satisfied that it would not be proper for Government to turn these people out of the trade. Apart from anything else, Government were in certain trades every year allowing newcomers to come in. The Advisory Committee had supported him in this matter.

Mr. Goenka: "He is not placing before us the proper facts".

Mr. Neogy (with some heat): "You are the repository of rectitude and all facts. I have the support of my own Advisory Committee".

STATE TRADING

Dealing with the question of State trading with reference to commercial State Corporation, Mr. Neogy said that the Government had undertaken what might be called State Trading in some cases during the last few months. He cited the instance of the two barter trade agreements with Russia. The third trade negotiation on the same basis was now in progress with the Soviet Russia. The import of foodgrains was the Government monopoly. The Ministry of Industry and Supply imported steel on Government account and the Ministry of Agriculture imported chemical fertiliser. The export of cotton textiles to Pakistan and groundnuts to Canada was also handled by the Government. The Commerce Minister further pointed out that there were certain defects if bilateral agreements were left to be operated entirely by private enterprise. The Government might not be sure that all that they needed was being imported and all the materials that they had to export were sent.

"From all points of view", said Mr. Neogy, "we are anxious to have the question of State Trading on the basis of a State Corporation examined in some detail. As a result of examination we may find it possible to have an organisation for the purpose of undertaking trade of certain specified commodities with reference to certain specified countries. It is my intention to have a Committee set up as soon as possible and associate certain members of the House with the Committee. Certain features that I have noticed in cases of bilateral trade agreements seem to indicate the necessity of state intervention in some manner without leaving the implementation of these agreements entirely in the hands of trade. I hope that it will be possible for me to make a definite announcement before the end of the session".

SUPPLY POSITION OF CAUSTIC SODA

Mr. Neogy then referred to the supply position of caustic soda, an acute scarcity of which was experienced early in 1948. He said that the United States had removed restrictions on the export of caustic soda and soda ash by August last which actually accounted for a large importation of caustic soda into the country. Mr. Neogy felt that caustic soda must not be classed as a none-essential article. It was an article most essential for certain industries like the soap industry. The supply position was very favourable and it might be possible in the near future to build up an export market for Indian soaps.

Replying to the suggestion for the training of Indian seamen, Mr. Neogy said that a Committee appointed for the purpose had submitted its report on the question of training of officer personnel both administrative and engineering. The Committee considered the training of officer personnel more important in view of acute shortage of Indians in the Indian merchant navy. The Committee was at present engaged in the study of the question on training a certain number of suitable youngmen for sea career. As soon as the full report was available, Mr. Neogy said, the Government would take whatever action was possible for the purpose of training seamen.

The House sanctioned the demands and adjourned till Wednesday 16th March.

No Income-Tax On Charitable Institutions

MADRAS, March 11 (API).—Charitable institutions are to be exempted from the payment of income-tax, said Mr. B. Gopala Reddi, Finance Minister during question hour in the Madras Assembly today.

To facilitate such exemptions, he added, the Government of India have asked the Provincial Governments to furnish them with a list of these institutions.

ARMED FORCES

REGULAR COMMISSIONS

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from unmarried Indian nationals and Gurkha subjects of Nepal to reach Federal Public Service Commission, Post Box No. 186, Council House, New Delhi by 19th March, 1949, for the supplementary examination for admission to the 2nd Inter Service Wing Course commencing at the Armed Forces Academy Dehra Dun in July, 1949. Application forms may be obtained from the Federal Public Service Commission.

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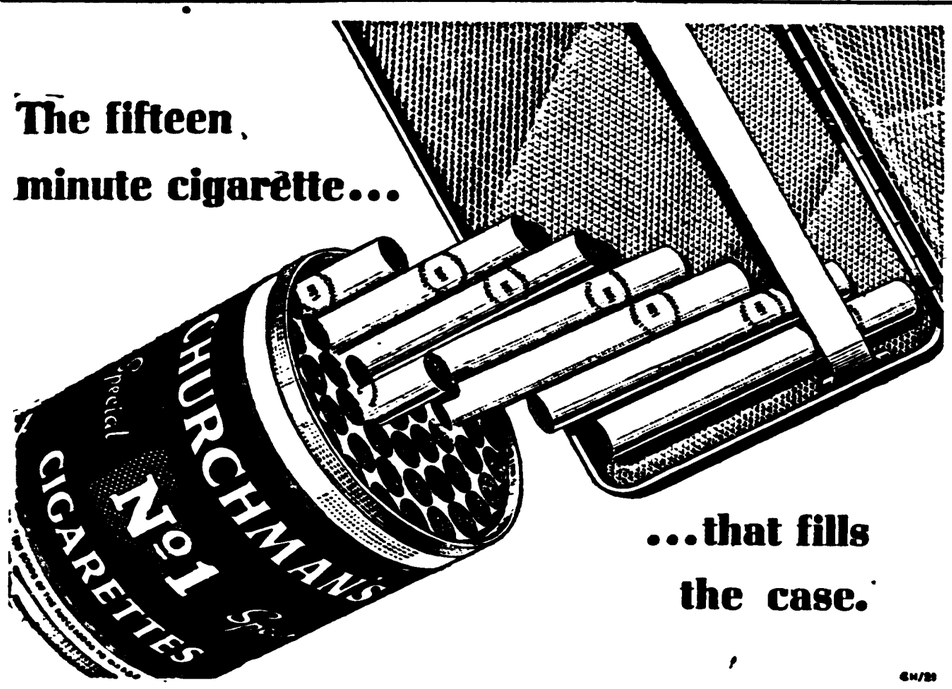
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SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE HELPED RIOTERS ?

Startling Allegations Before Enquiry Commission

DURBAN, March 10 (PTI-Reuter).—Allegations that Europeans took part in looting during the Zulu-Indian riots in Durban last January were made today by an Indian witness, Ebrahim Mahomed Ami, in evidence to the Commission of Inquiry.

Ami, who was called by the South African Indian Organisation, said he saw Europeans removing goods in motor cars from his shop. He telephoned the police but had the impression that the police had no intention of coming to his aid "because they were not interested."

POLICE KEEP AWAY FROM RIOTERS

He complained that the police refused to allow him to remove the cash from his till before he was evacuated.

Asked by the Chairman why he had allowed himself to be removed if there was no danger, Ami said: "We were all panicky and afraid they might come through the back entrance of the shop and kill us."

Another Indian, Ismail Ahmed Rawat, a trader, said he was able to see all the rioting from his first floor balcony overlooking Grey and Queen Streets.

There were more than 600 natives smashing shops at midday on January 14th. Only a dozen policemen, who were powerless to stop the rioting, were there, he said.

It was his impression that the police could have done more than they did. He saw some Europeans chasing looters, but these Europeans were later stopped by the police

CALL CORRESPONDENTS AS WITNESSES

Mr. A. M. Moolla Joint Secretary of the South African Indian Organisation, asked the Commission to bring to Durban the correspondent of the London "Weekly Review," the "New Statesman and Nation" who had written a report of the riots.

Mr. Moolla said that in the issue of January 29 the writer had said he had seen signs of danger early on Friday morning: he had informed the authorities who thanked him but thought he was exaggerating.

According to witness, the writer of the article went on to say that had the authorities acted upon his warning "not a soul need have died," they cannot say they were not warned. Mr. Moolla said. He earnestly asked that this correspondent be brought to testify and explain his source of information and give more details on his far-reaching statement.

KENNETH ROYALL ATTACKS MOSCOW

Stalin's Aim Is "To Drive Us From Berlin"

WASHINGTON, March 11 (PTI-Reuter).—United States Secretary of the Army, Kenneth Royall declared today that "world conditions require that intelligence activities be intensified in the coming year."

"The purpose of these activities is to keep the armed forces and the United States informed of the intentions and capabilities of potentially hostile foreign countries", he added in his annual report on the Army Department.

"The seriousness of world conditions in 1948", Mr. Royall wrote, "indicated the need for increasing our armed forces if this nation were to support the responsibilities and leadership to which it was irrevocably committed."

The blockade of Berlin, he added, was "a day-to-day threat to the peace of the world," but "we cannot and will not surrender our rights or our principles. We will continue to do everything decently possible to avoid war."

"It has been apparent that the Soviet authorities have had no intention either of respecting past agreements or of composing the growing differences. On the contrary, it has been their manifest purpose to cause all possible confusion and conflict short of war, in an effort to drive us from Berlin and diminish American influence in Europe and in the world.

"It is difficult to deal with a nation which has no compunction against the use of threats and force and oppression to attain its desire."

RUSSIA TO SPEND MORE ON ARMED FORCES

Finance Minister Presents Budget

MOSCOW, March 10 (PTI-Reuter): The Soviet Union will spend more on her armed forces this year because of rising prices and transport costs, Finance Minister told the Supreme Soviet.

Expenditure for the forces, 19 per cent of the total 1949 budget, will amount to 79-000,000,000 rroubles, an increase of 12,900,000,000 roubles on last year's figure, he said.

M. Xverev, the Finance Minister said the budget for 1949 provided for an income of 445,208,000,000 roubles. (The exchange rate for the rouble was fixed at 21.5 to the pound last year. There is a different rate for diplomats. Rates are not quoted on the London Stock Exchange)

M. Xverev, said Russian peace policy has met with resistance from "imperialist circles"

MILITARY EXPENDITURE IN U.S.A.

In the United States, he claimed, military expenditure had increased 15 times compared with 1938 and now represented 38 per cent of all expenses.

Marshal Stalin and Ex-Foreign Minister Molotov, surrounded by most members of the Politburo tonight attended the joint session of the two chambers of Russia's Supreme Soviet, highest organ of state power.

More than 1,000 delegates from dozens of different nationalities and many guests cheered them for some minutes when they entered the Government boxes in the Kremlin Palace.

DISAPPEARS WITH GOLD WORTH RS. 16,000

BOMBAY, Friday.

A jewellery merchant of Thakurdwar, who gave Rs. 16,000 worth of gold to a city goldsmith for preparing ornaments, has reported to the Maharbouri Police, that the latter had vanished.

It seems the merchant waited much longer than the stipulated date for his order to be executed, and finding that the goldsmith had not turned up, his suspicions were roused. He, thereupon, instituted inquiries, to make sure whether the goldsmith was in Bombay and seeing no trace of him reported the matter to the police.

Dargah Khwaja Sahib Committee Of Enquiry

In response to numerous requests received from prominent individuals and organisations the Chairman of the Committee has agreed to extend the date for submitting the replies to the questionnaire issued by the Dargah Khwaja Sahib (Ajmer) Committee of Enquiry from March 10, (already extended) to March 25, by which date replies may be sent to Mr. M. K. Kidwai, Secretary, Dargah Khwaja Sahib (Ajmer) Committee of Enquiry, 1, Cassels Road, Lucknow.

STOCK BROKERS THREATEN DIRECT ACTION

PROPOSED STAMP DUTY PROVOKES PROTEST FROM DALAL STREET

"BULLS" AND "BEARS" HOLD PROTEST MEETING

BOMBAY, Friday.

The trading ring of the Bombay Stock Exchange was the venue of a protest meeting this afternoon, when "Bulls" and "bears" suspended their usual activity to join in denunciation of the proposed stamp duty levied on the transactions in the Exchange.

Although the Exchange was officially open, no transactions took place, business having been suspended to permit the meeting being held.

While a section of the brokers complained at the meeting that the stamp duty of three annas for every transaction of Rs. 2,500 was exorbitant and called for its abolition, some others demanded that if government failed to pay heed to their grievances, they should launch 'Direct action" and close the market for six months!

The more sober section of them, however, cautioned against unnecessarily precipitating a crisis by closing down the Stock Exchange indefinitely. It was further suggested that steps should be taken to bring pressure on the Government, if not to abolish the duty, at least to reduce it.

BUDGET LEAKAGE IN E. PUNJAB

Point Of Order Raised In Assembly

SIMLA, March 10 (API): Upholding a point of order raised in the East Punjab Assembly, the Speaker Sardar Kapur Singh today said leakage of Budget secrets before the presentation of the Budget in the House "is not the right thing and is undesirable."

The Speaker was giving his ruling on the point of order, raised on Tuesday by Mehta Ranbir Singh, who complained that the publication of East Punjab's Budget estimates in a Delhi newspaper before their presentation to the House was a breach of privilege, and demanded "punishment of those found responsible for the leakage."

The Speaker said today that in the absence of any privileges and remedies for their breach being defined by the House, it was left to the Government to hold an enquiry as to whether the publication of the figures of the Budget before its presentation was authorised, and if so, by whom, under what circumstances and whether any use of such a disclosure was made for purposes of private gains. "I do not propose that the matter be gone into by a Committee of the House," the Speaker said.

MACHINE BORING RATES REVISED

Conditions To Local Boards

The Government of Bombay has revised the rates of boring work done by boring machines of the Directorate of Agricultural Engineering. The revised rates are:

Depth Group	4" Bore Per foot	5" Bore Per foot	6" Bore Per foot
0' to 100'	Rs. 9	Rs. 11	Rs. 14
101' to 200,	Rs. 10	Rs. 12	Rs. 15
201' to 300,	Rs. 11	Rs. 13	Rs. 17
301, to 400	Rs. 12-8	Rs. 14-8	Rs. 17-8
401' to 500,	Rs. 14	Rs. 16	Rs. 19

Depth will be measured from ground level, and not the well bottom, for the purpose of adopting the group rate.

The cultivator will supply unskilled manual labour and bear the cost of one way transport and of casing pipes and shoe cutters, in addition to the charge levied by the Government. In the event of a cultivator not supplying unskilled manual labour, transport charges, casing pipes, shoe cutters, etc., within a reasonable timelimit to be fixed by the Director of Agricultural Engineering, the authorities concerned will get the work done at the cost of the cultivator.

CONDITIONS FOR HANDING OVER

Smultaneously, the Government has laid down conditions for the handing over the power boring machines to District Local Boards for working. One of the conditions is that the Boards should charge only the above mentioned rates to the cultivators. The Government will pay to the Boards a sum equal to two times these charges for their entire working expenses. The machines will, however, remain the property of the Government.

The Boards will carry out the boring work according to their own programmes and incur all expenditure, except that which has to be borne by the cultivator, while depreciation and interest on the machines will be borne by the Government.

The Government of Bombay has appointed, the Educational Inspector, Northern Division, the Administrative Officer, Ahmedabad Municipal School Board and the Assistant Inspectress of Girls Schools, Northern Division, as additional members of the Adult Education Committee for Ahmedabad City, for the period ending November 9, 1951. For the same period, the Deputy Educational Inspector, Sholapur, and the Administrative Officer of the Sholapur Municipal School Board have been appointed as additional members of the Adult Education Committee for Sholapur City.

DEMAND FOR RELEASE OF DR. KHAN SAHIB

"Undemocratic" To Keep Him In Detention, Say Opposition Members

PESHAWAR March 11, (U.P.I.): A demand for the release of Dr. Khan Sahib, the former Premier and Qazi Ataullah, former Minister, was made by Mian Qaim Shah, an Opposition spokesman while initiating the general debate on the N.W.F.P. Budget, in the Frontier Assembly yesterday. Mian Qaim Shah, read extracts from the speeches of Dr. Khan Sahib and Qazi Ataullah, which were made on the floor of the Assembly and asked, "Does it behove any popular and democratic Government to put these respected leaders of public opinion under detention after their publicly declared assurances of unflinching loyalty towards Pakistan?

The demand was supported by Pir Sahahinshah and Khan Mohd. Yakub Khan a Muslim League member who urged the Provincial Government to show large-heartedness by unconditionally releasing all loyal political prisoners in the interests of peace trust and co-operation in the province.

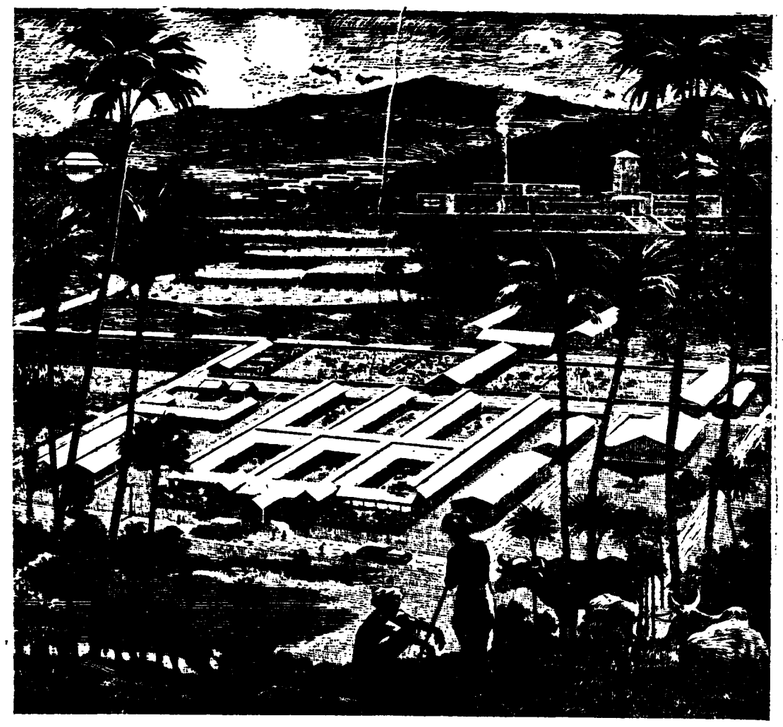
Some Muslim League members, including Sardar Sasadullah Jan Khan, who is also a member of the Pakistan Constituent Assembly took strong exception to the latest political move of the merger of provinces and the setting up of a unified centralized administration for West Pakistan. Their opinion was that the Pathans had their culture, customs and traditions, typically different from the Punjabis, Sindhis, etc., which they should keep on preserving at all costs. Sardar Asadullah Jan observed he would resist unification move tooth and nail on behalf of the N.W.F.P., if ever it came before the Pakistan Constituent Assembly.

COMBATING "RED" MENACE IN INDIA

Menon Denies News Of Secret Consultative Committee

ERNAKULAM, March 10 (API): Mr. V. P. Menon, Adviser to the States Ministry at a press conference here today emphatically denied a Washington report that India had set up a "super secret Central Consultative Committee on Communism" designed to eradicate "Red" influence in India.

The report (not carried by PTI-Reuter): said that official and diplomatic quarters in Washington had received with considerable interest a reliable private report from New Delhi that Mr. V. P. Menon would head the Committee, which would have sweeping powers to deal with the "Communist menace".



Tomorrow's Inauguration
of the Bombay Government Milk Colony near Goregaon

Our picture shows one of the 30 dairy farm units at the Government of Bombay's Milk Colony, near Goregaon, and in the background the proposed Central Dairy building, which will be equipped with the latest machinery for pasteurizing milk. The project—which will eventually house some 15,000 cattle dislodged from the congested city stables—is one of the largest of its kind in the world.

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Fall In Gold Prices—Silver Steady—Restricted Trading In Shares

Weekly Market Review

THE SHORT-TERM MONEY MARKET CONTINUED TO BE GOVERNED BY STEADY CONDITIONS. DAY-TO-DAY FUNDS WERE QUOTED AT ½ PER CENT. THERE WERE BORROWERS OF THREE MONTHS' MONEY AT ¼ PER CENT AND SIX MONTHS' MONEY AT ½ PER CENT PER ANNUM.

The weekly returns of the Reserve Bank of India for the period ended 4th March last show an increase of Rs. 7.67 crores in the active note circulation, perhaps due to beginning-of-the-month requirements. Notes held in the Banking Department are down by Rs. 8.40 crores. Government balances have declined by Rs. 12.81 crores and Miscellaneous deposits by Rs. 2.89 crores. Balances held abroad show a further reduction of Rs. 4.48 crores. Loans and Advances to Government are down by Rs. 4.25 crores, whilst investments show a rise of Rs. 4.67 crores.

The statement of affairs of the Imperial Bank of India, for the week ended 4th March 1949, reveals a fall of Rs. 1.45 crores in deposits, whereas advances by the Bank are up by Rs. 1.78 crores. Investments are down by Rs. 3.69 crores. In consequence, the cash holding shows a small increase of Rs. 67 lakhs.

GILT-EDGED

The gilt-edged market relapsed into a state of activity and prices suffered a fractional fall owing to lack of support. The trading during the week was very moderate. 3 per cent 1948 conversion loan eased off from Rs. 102-2 at the opening to Rs. 99-12 at the close. Among other dated loans, whilst the short-dated loans suffered from a complete dearth of enquiry, long and medium-dated loans met with moderate offerings. 3 per cent. 1951-54 loan was a shade lower at Rs. 101-7. 3 per cent. 1963-65 loan was marked down to Rs. 101-4 and 3 per cent 1967 Victory loan to Rs. 101-3. 3 per cent 1960/61 loan was quoted lower at Rs. 100-12, whilst both 3 per cent. 1963-65 and 1966-68 loans cheapened to Rs. 100-3 and Rs. 99-15 respectively. 3 per cent. 1970-75 loan was declined to be offered at par.

EXCHANGE

The rupee sterling exchange market ruled steady with a moderate showing of merchandise export bills. For interbank business, sellers of spot T. T. on London quoted 1s. 5-31 32d. and buyers 1s. 6d. Merchant rates fixed by the Exchange Banks Association were unchanged from last week.

GOLD

In contrast to the past few weeks, there was a fall in gold prices owing to lack of demand due to seasonal factors as also due to increased arrivals in the form of smuggled parcels. From the opening level of Rs. 117-15 the quotation for ready gold receded downwards and touched Rs. 116-11 on Tuesday. This fall was marked after Tuesday and the quotation declined to Rs. 115-14 on Wednesday and further to Rs. 114-10 the next day. It was reported that the usual lot of Indian mine gold was only partially sold as there were no keen buyers for the yellow metal. The quotation for sovereigns declined in sympathy with the fall in gold prices from Rs. 75-8 to Rs. 74 during the course of the week. Stocks of gold are estimated to be about 50,000 tolas. The arrivals are said to have averaged about 8,000 tolas a day and the offtake about 5,000 tolas. The highest and lowest rates for ready gold were Rs. 118-1 and Rs. 114-10.

SILVER

As opposed to gold, the silver section of the bullion market showed some resistance owing mainly to the fact that the bulk of the stocks are well held. Spot silver .999 fine which was quoted at Rs. 189-8 at the opening to Rs. 187-6 on Tuesday and further to Rs. 186-14 on Wednesday following reports of some selling of silver belonged to a Western India State now merged in a larger unit. Towards the close, however, the quotation hardened to Rs. 188-4 and finally stood at Rs. 187-6. Some further business for silver nitrate amounting to the equivalent of about a thousand bars was also reported. Stocks of silver are reported to be about 2,500 bars, whilst the off-take continues poor at 30 bars a day. There was no change either in the New York or the London Silver quotations, both of which remained stationary at 71-1/2 cents and 43-1/2d. respectively. The highest and lowest rates for spot silver were Rs. 189-8 and Rs. 186-14.

SHARES

Due mainly to the firm bull grip, prices on the stock exchange were well maintained during the week although trading was inclined to be restricted.

Tata Defds. were boosted up further Rs. 1662-12 and Ordinaries to Rs. 286-8 closing at Rs. 1658-12 and Rs. 294 respectively. The textile section also looked up a little with Bombay Dyeings being marked up to Rs. 945; Kohinoors to Rs. 291 and Swadeshis to Rs. 294. Hydro-electric and Bank shares passed an uneventful week, with trading on a very modest scale. Andhra Valleys ruled steady at Rs. 1440 and Powers reported some business around Rs. 1535. Amongst Banks, Central Banks were held around Rs. 88, but Imperial Bank fully hardened from Imperial Bank. Fully Paids hardened from Rs. 1865 to Rs. 1885 on good support. In the miscellaneous section, there were no spectacular movements. Associated Cements moved in the vicinity of Rs. 150 and Belapurs ruled steady at Rs. 216. Bombay Burmas were quieter at Rs. 277-8, whilst both Scindias and New Indias reported some business at Rs. 18 and Rs. 61-8 respectively.

CALCUTTA

The jute section of the Calcutta share market maintained a fairly steady undertone throughout the week on sustained investment and speculative activity. The turnover was reported to be fairly large.

City Markets

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, March 11.

Rumours about the possibility of large imports of gold from foreign countries in the near future had an adverse effect on the Ready Gold section of the Bombay Bullion Market today. Where as the spot silver was steady around Rs. 186, Ready Gold declined to Rs. 113-8 from its overnight level of Rs. 115.

Following were the closing quotations:

Ready Silver	Rs. 186 8
Ready Gold	Rs. 113 12
Sovereign	Rs. 73 12

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY March 11:

Position in the local cotton market still remains unchanged. There was no business in the forward section. May Delivery is quoted nominally at Rs. 620.

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, March 11:

The Bombay Produce market ruled steady today with fluctuations moving within a narrow range. Castor-seeds. May Delivery was quoted at Rs. 135.

Following were the closing quotations:

GROUNDNUTS—			
Khandesh quality	38	8	0
Coromandal	38	0	0
Bold ready	37	10	0
Bold Feb-March	37	6	0
Bold April May	37	7	0
CASTORSEEDS—			
May delivery	135	0	0
Ready	27	4	0
LINSEEDS—			
Ready	28	8	0
Feb-March	28	5	0
April-May	28	2	0
GROUNDNUT OILS—			
Ready receipts	21	2	0
March	20	15	5
April	21	1	0
Linseed Oil	17	12	0
Castorseed Oil first pressing	19	0	0
Castor seed oil commercial quality	17	0	0

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.

BOMBAY, March 11.

Quotations at 2-00 p.m.:—

Tata Ordinary 294/8; Tata Deferred 1662/8; Indian Iron 24; Steel Corpn. of Bengal 20/13; Bombay Dyeing 942/8; Central India 240; Gokak 290; Kohinoor 288/12; Simplex 182/8; Swadeshi 280; Tata Power 1535; Associated Cement 150; Belapur 216/4; Bombay Burma (Old) 277/8; Scindia 18/2; Central Bank 87/8; New India 61/12; Tata 2nd Pref. 138/12.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, March 10.

	At
Consols 2-1/2 p.c.	80
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p.c. 1961	105-5/8
Funding Loan 4 p.c. 1960-90	114-3/4
War Loan 3-1/2 p.c. 1952 and after	103-7/8
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	103-1/2
National Bank of India	39

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 5,789.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, March 11.

B. C. Rates I. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 Ready.

B. C. Rates I. I. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 31/32 Ready.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/32 to 5th Month.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/8 7th—9th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 5/32 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 3/16 7th—9th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st. 1/6 7/32 7th 9th Month.

New York and Montreal B. C. Rate T. T. Rs. 332 1/6.

Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 332 1/4.

Banks Buying T. T. Rs. 330.

Banks Buying D. D. N. Y. Rs. 328 3/4 Montreal Rs. 328 1/2.

Banks Buying D. D. N. Y. Rs 329 Montreal Rs. 328 3/4 L/C.

Paris Banks Selling T. T. Fcs. 7860.

Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs. 8060

Amsterdam Banks selling T. T. D D Fl. 79.

Belgium Banks selling T. T. D. D Fcs. 1305.

Java Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Gldr 79

Hongkong Banks Selling T. T. D D. Rs. 84.

Singapore Banks Selling T. T. D. D Rs. 157.

Manila Banks Selling T. T. D D. Rs. 165 1/4.

New York/London Cross Rate dol. 4.02 3/4 to 4.03 1/4; London/Afghanistan Cross Rate Afghani Rs. 52.57-53.43; London/Alexandra Cross Rate Pia. 97 1/4-3/4; London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl 10.68-70; London/Bankok Cross Rate Tcl. 40; London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs. 176 1/2-3/4; London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36; London/Hongkong Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70; London/Bang-Cross Rate Rl. 128-130; London/Java Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70; London/Lisbon Cross Rate Es. 99.80-100.20; London/Manila Cross Rate Pes. 8-09-8.14; London/Montreal Cross Rate dol. 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4; London New York Cross Rate dol. 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4; London/Oslo Cross Rate Kr. 19.98-20.02; London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs. 1061-1063; London/Prague Cross Rate K. 201-202; London/Singapore Cross Rate 2/4 1/16-2/4 3/16; London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14.47-50; London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs. 17.24-26.

London Discts. 3 Mos. 9/16 p.c; London Discts. 6 Mos. 5/8 p.c.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p.c.; Bank of England Rate 2 p.c.

Money:—Call 3/4 p.c.; 3 Mos. 1 p.c.; 6 Mos. 1-1/4 p.c.; 12 Mos. 1-1/2 p.c.

Tone:—Tight.

Shipping News

IMPORTS

BOMBAY, March 11.

S.S. CARBONELLO

From Genoa: 247 cases rayan yarn 60 cases real Vermouth, 40 cases electric machinery, 54 bales delivery hose, 29 cases art silk voile yarn, 127 cases old steel flies, 50 bales cotton yarn.

From Leghorn: 50 travelling rugs, 23,700 pieces marble tiles, 900 bags marble chips, 850 pieces marble table tops, 81 pieces marble slabs, 266 cases sickle silver circles.

From Bari: 10,350 bundles shelled almonds.

From Alexandria: 1210 bales cotton.

S.S. BARJORA

From Karachi: 1,000 bags mattar dall, 2,393 bags goowar, 174 bags dry dates, 583 bags saltpetre, 125 bags pista, 155 bags cuminseed, 347 bales cotton raw 1,900 bags cotton seed, 4,000 bags cement.

S. S. TREVEAN

From Kobe—200 bales staple yarn, 707 775 Cases art silk yarn; 2790 Cases rayan yarn; 604 bales spun Rayan yarn; 540 bales staple fibre yarn; 50 Cases bright art yarn; 325 bales cotton yarn; 106 Cases belt fasteners; 221 bales cotton piecegoods; 125 Cases denies; 115 bales art silk staplefibre yarn; 440 bales staple yarn; 1300 Crates earthen ware glazed tiles;

From Nagoya—586 Crates white tiles; 1090 Crates white glazed tiles; 2,000 crates earthen ware glazed tiles; 650 Crates porcelain ware white glazed tiles 650 Crates Ragi brand tiles;

From Kokohama—210 Cases rayan loouns; 600 Cases copper shuttle coystal; 200 Cases red phosphates.

From Hongkong—106 drums wood oil; 40 Cases Chinese Rosin; 1225 Cases huri Cane lanterns: 140 Cases torches; 745 Cases Rosin; 200 bales old news paper, 700 bdls cassia; 100 bdls gum rosin: 1184 Cases fire crakers.

From Shanghai: 1592 bags rago flour, 189 bdls rattan, 50 bags damur batu.

From Singapore: 4488 and 5070 bags sago flour, 680 cases pine apples, 138 bales betelnuts, 834 cases glazed wall tiles, 353 bags copra, 1000 bales cassia, 353 bags antimoney ore, 88077 pkgs leak conversion.

S.S. DUMRA

From Busrah: 127 bags dry dates, 30 barrels sheepskins, 2600 baskets wet dates, 72 bdls wool.

From Khoramshire: 100 bags almond kernels. 92 cases pistachio nuts.

From Karachi: 2429 bags goowar, 436 bales cotton raw, 9999 bags cement.

EXPORTS

GOODS ENTERED FOR EXPORT

To Muscat: 10 bales cotton piecegoods—A. El. Ejel.

To Dubain: 17 bales cotton piecegoods—E. A. K. Abbas. 16 bales cotton piecegoods—A. Abbasi

S.S. AMRA

To Mowkassa: 10 bales cotton piecegoods—Shree Padmavati Stores, 9 bags turmeric—V. Dharsi, 5 bales cotton piecegoods—D. Nasser and Co.

S.S. UNION PIONEER

To Kobe: 200 bales cotton raw—S. Seksaria and Co.

S.S. FLYING TRADER

To Kobe: 1000 bales cotton raw—J. K. Pavri.

S.S. TANJER

To Karachi: 40 cases glouber salt—American Colour and Chemical Co.

S.S. JALJAWAHAR

To Karachi: 300 pkgs fresh fruits and 150 bags potatoes—I. Chunilal.

AIR CRAFT

To Karachi: 390 baskets bettlenuts—L. Becharlal.

Arrivals And Departures Of Steamers

ARRIVALS

"Flying Independent" arrived from Norfolk on March 11 with 3983 tons of general cargo (Shaw Wallace).

"Primrose" arrived from Calicut on March 11 with 1400 tons of cargo (Ambica)

"Glaisdale" arrived from Rosario, Argentine, on March 11 with 5725 tons of grains (Turner Morrison).

"Caledonia" arrived from Glasgow on March 11 with 4500 tons of cargo (Anchor Line).

DEPARTURES

"Hoegh Silver Cloud" sailed for Calcutta on March 10 with 4500 tons of general cargo.

"Mooltan" sailed for Tilbury on March 10 with 697 passengers and 3800 tons of cargo.

"Chitral" sailed for London on March 10 with 750 passengers and 2340 tons of cargo.

"Sparta" sailed for Genda on March 10 with 370 tons of cargo.

"Janus" sailed for Abadan on March 10.

"Jalaganja" sailed for Navlakhi on March 10 with general cargo.

NEW YORK COTTON QUIET

NEW YORK March 10 (PTI-Reuter). The cotton market was quiet with price changes small throughout, most traders continuing to be hesitant. Activity was centred chiefly in Old Crops with some mill buying and trade covering, the latter believed to be in connection with some of the recent export sales, steadying factors. The small unimportant export credit grants to Greece and Austria were ignored.

In the afternoon the market was quiet out steady throughout. Trade was featureless apart from scattered routine trade demands which absorbed limited hedges. The trend latterly was slightly mixed owing to light sales of nears and moderate purchases of newcrops. The market closed steady. Sales are estimated at 75,000 bales.

N. Y. STOCKS CLOSE IRREGULAR

Further slight on balance declines were registered in slow dealings with investment incentive dulled by more deflationary evidence and the uncertainty of Congressional intentions regarding taxes and labour.

In mostly professional trading, fractional movements either side were recorded with losses in the majority and including selected rayons, coal minings, department stores, motors, oils and specialities. The averages were Industrials 175.73 and Rails 47.97.

In the afternoon most sections fluctuated narrowly around the mid-day levels with inactivity sometimes complete.

The market closed irregular with the composite average rate slightly lower.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Prices declined under commission house liquidation and hedging. The latter was associated with moderately larger arrivals of wheat and maize at the leading terminals. Storms and floods are reported in the mid-western states, however, and are expected to again hamper the movement of grains off the farms. The weakness of soyabeans was an unsettling factor.

NEW YORK COTTON CLOSINGS.

New York, March 10.

March	32.42+03
May	32.20—20
July	31.07—03
October	28.24+06
Middling Spot	33.54+03

NEW ORLEANS COTTON CLOSINGS.

New York, March 10.

March bid	32.30—
May	32.09—00
July	31.01—04
October	28.21+08
Middling Spot	32.50—

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, March 10.

American Telephone and Telegraph	148-3/4
Amerex Holding Co.	26-1/4
Anaconda Copper Mining	31-3/8
Chase National Bank	36
Sinclair Oil	21-3/8
Firestone Tyre & Rubber Co.	48-5/8
General Electric Co.	37-1/2
General Motors	58-3/4
Ingelsol Rand	61-3/4
International Nickel	28-3/8
National City Bank of New York	40
New York Central Rail Road Co.	11
Socony Vacuum Corporation	16-1/8
Texas Corporation	52-3/8
Union Carbide	39
U. S. Smelting Refining Mining Co.	43-1/2
U. S. Steel Corporation Common	72-1/8
Western Union Telegraph	14-1/2

TATA STEEL PRODUCTION

Messrs. Tata Industries Limited, Managing Agents for the Tata Iron and Steel Company Limited, report the working of the Company for the quarter ending 31st December 1948.

	Production Tons	Despatches Tons
Pig Iron	245,300	18,700
Steel Ingots	238,600	.....
Semi-finished steel for sale	35,800	36,100
Finished Steel	136,800	154,200

The gross value of invoices of materials despatched during the quarter ending 31st December 1948, was approximately Rs. 693.45 lakhs.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, March 10.

T. T. London on:—

New York Selling 4.0275, Buying 4.0325; Montreal Selling 4.0270, Buying 4.0325; Zurich Selling 17.34, Buying 17.36; Stockholm 14.47 to 14.50.

LONDON WHEAT.

London, March 10.

Australian Wheat (new crop) 96 Mar.-Apl.

CHICAGO WHEAT.

CHICAGO, March 10.

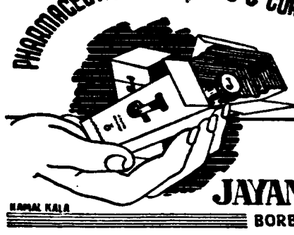
May 2.16-1/2.
July 1.92-5/8.
September 1.92-3/4.
December 1.93-3/4.

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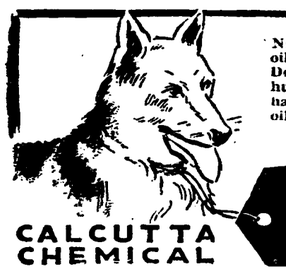
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Cabin tickets will be available at our office at 100, Frere Road, on week days during office hours and booking of deck tickets for these sailings will be done at our Prince's Dock Office 24 hours in advance of sailing.

Bombay, 5/3/49.

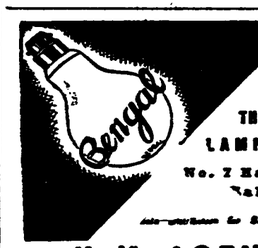


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GOVERNMENT TO HELP COTTAGE INDUSTRIES

Dr. Mookherji Inaugurates Exhibition At C. J. Hall

APPEAL TO PEOPLE FOR SUPPORT

BOMBAY, Friday: Inaugurating the Cottage and Village Industries Exhibition organised by the All-India Women's Conference, at Cowasji Jehangir Hall this evening, India's Minister for Civil Supplies and Industries, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherji, said that it was the declared policy of the Government of India to give every possible help and encourage the development of small-scale and cottage industries in this country.

With a view to the implementation of this policy, the Minister added, Government had set up the All-India Cottage Industries Board which met at Cuttack recently and made certain recommendations. The actual planning and execution of the plans on the basis of these recommendations would be implemented by various provincial Governments, under whose jurisdiction cottage industries fall, but under the directive policy of the Central Government.

APPEAL TO PUBLIC

The Civil Supplies Minister said that it was the task of the national Government of this country to take all possible steps for the preservation of these industries, which were fast decaying and appealed to the public to extend their spontaneous support in the task of encouragement of village industries.

Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherji felt convinced that by implementing a balanced programme of development of large-scale, medium and small-scale industries, the present economic crisis could be solved. He said that Government faced today the grave problem of unemployment of middle-classes in this country—the middle-classes who had formed the backbone of the freedom's struggle—and the unemployment had increased after war. Government, however, was trying to create conditions for self-employment for a large number of people as far as possible by encouragement of small-scale industries.

What India needed today was the revitalising the rural life of the country, he added.

Government alone could do nothing to help the development of cottage industries, he stated. There ought to be a perfect co-ordination between the Government machinery, which moved slowly, and private organisations and trade interests. A sustained effort should be made to raise the standard and quality of goods produced in small-scale industries, which alone would increase the demand for such goods in the market.

Dr. Mookherjee statedthat cottage industries had a value of their own apart from any economic aspect that may be associated with it. India stood for certain traditions and achievements in the realm of small and cottage industries which had not only been recognised in this country but had won admiration from foreign countries as well. Unfortunately due to "circumstances which are well-known", these industries had passed into decay. They could not thrive in the first instance for lack of support by the people and also by Government & secondly they could not stand the competition by large industries which turned goods on a mass scale.

IMPORTANCE OF EXHIBITION

Dr. Mookerjee said "an exhibition of this kind is important because it not only brings to our eyes specimens of productions which are still available but also because it will make us think and act for the purpose of protecting those who have manufactured these goods and materials and find themselves difficult to thrive at the present moment."

Dr. Mookherjee said it was a matter which could not be "over-centralised" The details of such developments had to be left to the Provincial Governments for implementation who would be guided by the directive policy of the centre.

"We are today faced with an economic crisis. We want that India should be developed industrially. Many large scale industries will come into existence. Quite a good number are already functioning" Dr. Mookherjee continued. "Side by side we will also have to see that our medium and small industries also thrive and develop"

UNEMPLOYMENT

Dr. Mookherjee said one of the gravest problems was that of unemployment. After the war, unemployment had increased. "No doubt the Government that desires to function will allow any subversive movement to grow under this pretext. A mere negative approach will also not solve the problem of unemployment There must be a constructive approach whereby it will be possible for Government to fight with dangerous movements. Government must create conditions for self-employment for a larger number of people by encouragement of smaller industries."

Dr. Mookherjee referred to Sir M. Visvesvaraya's industrialisation plans which were now in the hands of the central and Provincial Governments, and said they were "worthy of serious consideration."

EMPORIUMS

The Government of India had decided to establish a central emporium in New Delhi, Dr. Mookherjee said, Government had also decided to establish small emporiums of India's handicrafts in foreign embassies with a view to letting the people of other countries know what India could produce in the field of small industries.

Dr. Mookherjee said the Government of India had a scheme for setting up a Central Research Institution for development of small-scale industries and he expected its implementation in the near future.

Concluding, Dr. Mookherjee gave the assurance that if the All-India Women's Conference put up practical proposals for implementation of the Government of India's new policy towards cottage industries, "I shall be prepared to extend the maximum help."

Dr. Mookherjee was welcomed on behalf of the organisers of the exhibition by Mrs. Urmila Mehta President of the All-India Women's Conference, who in a short speech appealed to Government and the public to extend their help in the efforts of the Women's organisation to help cottage and village industries. She said that their plan was to have a small museum of specimen of these articles at the Headquarters of the All-India Women's Conference in Bombay.

Mrs. Prabha Mehta Secretary of the Exhibition Committee emphasised the need of having a technical centre to help the trainees in order to raise their standard of efficiency in small-scale industries.

The exhibition is divided in 25 sections and consist of toys leather articles textiles embroidery decorative and ornamental things, woodwork, cane, bamboo, palm leaf and Pith work and various other stalls. The exhibition will remain open till March 26.

TRANSJORDAN—ISRAELI AGREEMENT SIGNED

(Continued from Page 1)

Jews have just made the 1,800-mile flight from Aden to Israel—their first air trip—with the same philosophical oriental calm as they accepted a new way of life.

The interior of the modern plane was filled with amulets, sacred scrolls and rams horns, while the migrants wore the flowing robes of the desert over European clothing distributed to them before they embarked.

Those of military age were detained by the British during the Palestine truce.

They are now being moved to Israel at the rate of 150 a day under operation "magic carpet", by chartered C-54 skymaster and C-46 command aircraft flying an alternative day non-stop shuttle service.

About 600 Jews remained in Aden, but despite British attempts to check the flow, Jews continue to infiltrate over the Yemen border into Aden, and "Magic Carpet" operations may continue for some time.

FULL SUPPORT TO BRITISH FORCES IN AKABA

LONDON, March 11 (PTI-Reuter): Hector McNeil, Minister of State, told Parliament today that British forces at the Transjordan Red Sea port of Akaba had every support available to them.

"I think it is not anticipated that a call will be made, except in the contingency of a direct threat to our forces which we all earnestly hope will not occur".

Mr. McNeil was replying to a question after he had made a statement on the Akaba situation.

His statement said:—

"Reports have been received from the Transjordan authoritaties of the movement of a considerable force of Israeli troops southwards towards the gulf of Akaba which they all now reported to have reached.

"The Transjordan Govt. also report that at one point Israeli forces entered Transjordan territory to a distance of some miles and attacked a police post. They subsequently withdrew.

"The situation has been urgently reported to the acting mediator by the Transjordan Government. It is not yet known what report United Nations observers have made on these events. No British forces have been involved in any action.

"The Foreign Secretary would prefer not to make any further statement until the reports of the United Nations observers are available".

OPPOSITION LEADER ON S. C.'s REPORTS

Mr. Oliver Stanley, for the opposition, pressed for the Foreign Secretary to urge upon the acting mediator the urgent necessity for getting these reports as soon as possible in view of Britain's special responsibilities in the adjacent area.

Mr. McNeil said the Foreign Secretary would certainly be glad to impress still further upon the acting mediator the necessity for speedy reports.

"LUST FOR POWER AMONG CONGRESSMEN"

HUBLI, March 10 (API):—"I have been marking that since the death of Mahatma Gandhi there is a marked increase in the lust for power among Congress workers", said Dr. N. S. Hardikar, Organiser of the Congress Seva Dal, laying the foundation stone of a dispensary building at Amargol, about six miles from Hubli, this morning. Large crowd of villagers was present.

J. P. Congratulates Rail Workers

PATNA, March 10 (API): Mr. Jai Prakash Narain, President of the All India Railwaymen's Federation, in a statement issued today, congratulated the railway workers on their significant demonstration of loyalty to the Federation on the issue of the railway strike and said the 9th of March has proved to the hilt that Indian workers have totally repudiated Communist policies and leadership".

Further he says "I cannot imagine a more total repudiation of the Communist Party than this".

Mr. Jai Prakash Narain assured the railway workers that negotiations with the Railway Ministry would be resumed as soon as possible. He announced that he had nominated Mr. S. Guruswamy, Mr. Khedgikar and Mr. Pratul Chatterjee to represent the Federation on the Anomalies Committee, which, he said, would begin to function as soon as the preliminaries which were under way were completed.

NORMAL SERVICES

GAUHATI, March 10 (API): All trains on the Assam Railway are stated to be running as usual and there has been normal attendance of staff.

The police, today, arrested a member of the Gauhati railway station staff for alleged incitement of workers to strike. Last night, the police raided a large number of houses in Pandu and took into custody some persons who, it is stated were wanted by the police.

MADRAS, March 11 (API): The position on the S.I. Railway as at 12 noon today is normal, says the Public Relations Officer M and SM and S.I. Railways.

No untoward incidents, he states, have occurred any where in the system. Trains are running as usual to schedule. Throughout the system there is indication of more and more loyalty on the part of wavering workers. The Public Relations Officer also adds that measures to meet any situation are well in hand.

TRAIN DERAILMENT ON B. N. RAILWAY

NAGPUR, March 11 (U.P.I.): The District Transport Officer, Bilaspur, B. N. Railway, reports that about two hours today, the engine of 309 down goods train got derailed between Chatgaon and Raipur stations on the Raipurdhamtari narrow gauge branch line of the Bengal Nagpur railway. The railway track was badly damaged for a distance of one mile.

All traffic on that section as suspended including 184 up passenger. The line is expected to be cleared by 17 hours today when all traffic will be resumed. The cause of the incident is under investigation.

TWO FISH PLATES REMOVED ON BAPATLA — APPIKATLA LINE

MADRAS, March 11 (U.P.I.): A report from Chingleput says that the police have arrested five employees of the South Indian Railway in connection with the threatened strike.

The police also conducted a search of the residences of two of the arrested persons and seized alleged objectionable literature.

A report from Vijayawada says that two fish plates were found to have been removed by yesterday between Bapatla and Appikatla. The No. 1 Calcutta Mail was detained at Bapatla for about three hours till the line was repaired.

FOUR COMMUNISTS CONVICTED IN MADRAS

MADRAS, March 11 (U.P.I.): The Chief Presidency Magistrate, Madras, has convicted and sentenced Mr. K. Narayan and three others all stated to be Communists to undergo four months R.I. each, on the charge of their having taken a procession into the Fort St. George without a permit on December 15 last and assaulted a police surgeant when asked to disperse.

They were also charged with having been members of an unlawful Assembly.

TICKET COLLECTOR ARRESTED

KOILPATTI, March 11 (A.P.I.): A ticket collector at Maniyachi junction was arrested by the railway police yesterday on charge of inciting workers to strike. He has been remanded in jail custody.

The Koilpatti police have so far taken into custody six persons in connection with the threatened strike.

TWO ARRESTED IN MADURA

MADURA, March 11 (A.P.I.): Two more persons have been arrested by the Madura police in connection with the threatenede railway strike, bringing the total number of arrests since Monday last to 24.

The train service is running normally and there has been no incident.

TWO ARRESTED IN LUCKNOW

LUCKNOW, March 10. (API)—Two students were arrested here by the police last night. It is alleged they were engaged in pasting pro-communist posters on buildings near a local college.

A number of Communist leaflets are also stated to have been recovered from their possession.

BANKING COMPANIES ACT

NEW DELHI, March 11 (U.P.I.): A notification has been issued bringing into force with effect from March 16, 1949 the banking companies act, 1949 which was published in the gazette of India extraordinary of March 10, 1949.

SOCIALIST EXECUTIVE MEETS

PATNA, March 11 (A.P.I.): The new National Executive of the Socialist Party of India met here this morning with Mr. Shibnath Benerji of Bengal in the chair.

The National Executive appointed committees for the year to deal with problems connected with kisan-labour co-operative work, foreign affairs etc. The executive also appointed senior members of the party of be sonal incharge of provincial branches.

The next meeting of the national executive, it is learnt, will be held on May 23rd and 24th at Nagpur.

LIFTING FOOD CONTROL

Issue Did Not Come Up Before Party Meeting In A Serious Manner

BOMBAY, Friday.

The meeting of the Congress Legislature Party, which began yesterday, was continued this morning, and has been postponed unfinished for next week.

Inquiries made at the Party's office revealed that no memorandum or requisition was submitted to the office of the party and that different speakers at the meetings pressed on Bombay Government to bring to the notice of the Government of India, the desirability of other Provinces enforcing controls, so that the food position throughout the provinces will be more even than at present.

It is learnt that the question of lifting food controls from Bombay Province, did not crop up at all in a serious manner

Highway Robbery In New Delhi

NEW DELHI, March 11, (U.P.I.): A highway robbery in broad-day-light involving a Government official was reported from Queensway, a fashionable street of New Delhi, at noon today.

It is stated that Mrs. Gidwani, Superintendent of Women's Home in Women's Section in the Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation, Government of India, was waylaid in a running tonga, and relieved of her bag containing about Rs. 5,000 or so.

A person is reported to have got down from a car, which pulled up by the side of Mrs. Gidwani's tonga in front of the Administrative Intelligence Room, santohed her bag and decamped with the loot. Mrs. Gidwani got down from the tonga, abouted for help but the car sped away from the scene of the incident within a few seconds.

According to eye-witnesses the whole incident did not take more than a fraction of a minute. The car was fully occupied.

DIRE FAMINE IN CAMBAY TALUKA

Conference On March 19 To Start Relief Works

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, March 11.

Reports of serious famine conditions are coming from Dascroi and Cambay Taluka, day by day. For want of fodder, foodgain and water a number of cattlehead are reported to have died. It is said even Harijans are tired of removing dead cattle from the field on to one side famine.

Crimes of robbery and dacoities are increasing, while in Cambay Taluka in 42 villages serious scarcity is prevailing. Gujarat Famine Relief Committee recently toured the villages of Cambay.

A special conference of Collectors of Saurashtra Cutch, Baroda and Gujarat have been called on 19th inst., at Ahmedabad to consider the starting of relief works.

Protection Of British Interests In F. East

LONDON, March 11, (PTI-Reuter): During the debate in parliament on the British army estimates yesterday, Mr. P. Piratin, Communist, said there should be no increase in forces in Greece and Malaya.

A War Minister Shinwell said: "As long as there are British intereats to be protected in any part of the world, we are going to protect them".

Undoubtedly there had been murders committed by Chinese against planters, civilians and others in Malaya and whether it was murder in Malaya, in Britain, or in Russia it was murder all the same, he said. Forces had been sent to Malaya to put down sabotage and murder.

Mr. Piratin: "By Burning villages.

Mr. Sinwell: "We have no aggressive designs, and no member of the Government has ever made a declaration which indicates that we desire to engage in hostilities against Soviet Russia.

The House agreed to the vote of money (£304,700,000) for the army.

Poet Bharathi's Works

MADRAS, March 11 (U.P.I.): The Government are shortly taking over the rights in respect of reproduction by sound producing or broadcasting devices of the songs, poems and other compositions and works both in English and in Tamil of the late Tamil Poet C Subramania Bharathi

Mr. A V Meyyappan who is holding the right at present has agreed to transfer these rights to Government.

The Premier of Madras Mr. O. P. Ramaswamy Reddiar in message in this connection says that "with the above arrangement the Government and the people have become trustees of the legacy bequeathed to us by the bard of freedom.

ZAFRULLAH KHAN SO LEAD PAKISTAN DEUEGATION TO U.N.

KARAHI, March 11 (UPI.) It is learnt that Sir Mahammed Zafrullah Khan, Pakistan's Foreign Minister's will be leading the Pakistan delegation to the United Nations Assembly meeting at Lake Success in the next month

Stop Press

PAKISTAN REQUEST GRANTED BY SECURITY COUNCIL

LAKE SUCCESS, Mar. 11 (UPA): At the beginning of the session on Indonesia today, the Security Council agreed to a request from the Pakistan representative that he be allowed to participate in the Council's discussions on Indonesia in accordance with the Charter's Article 31. The request was in the form of a letter to the Council President and no Pakistan representative was present at today's session.

SARVODAYA SAMAJ CONFERENCE

Rajen Babu's Plea For Intensive Constructive Work

INDORE, March 11 (API): The three-day session of the Sarvodaya Samaj Conference which began in the village of Rau, 7 miles from Indore, on Wednesday last, concluded this evening. Maharaja Holkar of Indore, Senior Up-Rajpramukh, Mr. M. Liladhar Joshi, Premier and other Cabinet Ministers of the Madhyabharat Union were present.

Acharya Vinoba Bhave, speaking on Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda's resolution, suggested that though the concrete suggestions contained therein were very useful it would be better not to pass any formal resolution. The Samaj was not supposed to resolve annually on different political, economic and social problems. It would only discuss them threadbare and leave it to the good sense of the public to follow the advice according to their capacity.

Mr. Nanda accordingly did not press his resolution.

GANDHIJI'S RELICS

Kaka Kalelkar explained to the conference the object of collecting, on behalf of the Gandhi Memorial Fund, Mahatma Gandhi's relics-letters, photographs, statues, paintings and literature. He narrated in detail the kind of relics that were being collected and appealed to members of the Samaj for co-operation in the important task. He disclosed that pending the construction of a big museum and library at selected places, the Gandhian relics were being collected in the Prince of Wales Museum, Bombay.

Winding up the deliberations of the conference, Dr. Rajendra Prasad compared Mahatma Gandhi to the holy stream of the Ganges. People derived benefit from his life and teachings according to their own capacities. Some could manage to construct canals, for utilising the holy waters on a wide scale, others like him could only fill their small pots.

CONSTRUCTIVE WORK

Dr. Prasad pointed out how after the achievement of Swaraj the need for intensive constructive work was greater than ever before. If they wished to rebuild India according to Mahatma Gandhi's dreams, they must bend all their energies towards the fulfilment of the different items of the constructive work like khadi, Harijan uplift, service of the Adibasis and leprosy relief work.

Continuing the President said that the responsibility of the members of the Samaj and the Sarva Seva Sangh was very great. The future destiny of India lay in the hands of constructive workers. If they succeeded, it would be possible to establish "Ram Raj". If they failed there was no hope for the country. He emphasised that the Sarvodaya Samaj was not meant to be a political party. It was only a brotherhood of constructive workers who had faith in the Gandhian ideals of truth and non-violence.

Dr. Prasad announced that Maharaja Holkar of Indore had given a donation of Rs. 50,000 to be utilised by him either for the Gandhi National Memorial Fund or for any other constructive work he desired.

Latest Commercial

NEW YORK COTTON MAY

NEW YORK, March 11

Previous Closing	32.20
Today's Opening	32.20
Difference	Nil
Today's Closing	32.10
Difference	—10

LAST QUOTATIONS

BOMBAY, March 11.

		Rs.
Silver Bullion	Ready	185 8
Gold	Ready	112 4
Sovereign		74 0
Expectation.		
Cotton Jarila	May	624 8

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK, March 11.

Stock Exchange Opening Prices: Anaconda Copper Mining 31-1/2 General Motors 59- United States Steel Common 72-1/2 United States Steel Preference unquoted.

Karachi Cotton Market

(From Our Correspondent.)

KARACHI, March 11.

Cotton ready rollers 8.nd Nt 91. Punjab 289-F 95. Las 87, Fourf 84. Market steadily held. Spot business totalled 2665 bales, principally Nt and 289-F.

Arrivals from upcountry 8385, exports 2585, of which 1685 for Bombay.

Cottonseed Nt ready 8/12, April 8-14. Steady good demand Expects totalled 13655 bags, for Cutch Kathiawar ports

Gold 108.8. Sovereigns 69. Silver 182 Easy owing poor demand.

Ahmedabad Share Market

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, March 11.

Share market opened round about last closing and advanced rapidly on heavy bear covering together with bull support on official clarification about new capitalization of Calico. The announcement runs as follows: "Calico mill has resolved that the Capital of the company will be increased from Rs. 64,000 divided into 24800 ordinary shares to Rs. 825.00,000 divided into 2,16,000 ordinary shares". This means that though Calico mill has now capitalised only 94 lakh Rs. and has increased shares from 24,800 to one lakh shares, there is still scope for further capitalization and increase in shares by about 1,16,000 shares. This created nervousness among bears and Calico rose by about 30 Rupees today. Arvind also ruled sympathetically.

Closing tone was very firm. Calico opened 1181, highest 1208, closed 1205. Arvind opened 1466, highest 1484, Closed 1482, Deffered opened 1658, lowest 1650, highest 1668, closed 1658. Closing quotations: Arvind 1482, Ambika 393, Atul 40, Calico 1205, Deffered 1668, Sayaji 188, Rohit 168-12-0, New Commercial 105 Ahmedabad Cotton 402-8-0, Bhailka 153-8-0, Anil Starch 208-12-0, Ashok 681-8-0, Bharat-khand Textile 562-8-0.

WITNESS KALYANIWALA CROSS-EXAMINED

Morarka "Bribery Case" Trial Continues

BOMBAY, Friday.

FURTHER CROSS-EXAMINATION OF WITNESS NOWSHERWANJI MANIKJI KALYANIWALA IN THE MORARKA CASE WAS RESUMED IN THE COURT OF MR. K. J. KHAMBATTA, ACTING CHIEF PRESIDENCY MAGISTRATE, ESPLANADE POLICE COURT THIS AFTERNOON.

In the case Gokulchand Dwarkadas Morarka and Rao Saheb Damjibhai Shah are being prosecuted for alleged attempt to bribe Inspector C. J. V. Miranda of the Anti-Corruption Branch of the Bombay Police with a view to get a case against the first accused quashed.

Witness Kalyaniwala, replying to the questions put to him by Mr. K. M. Munshi, defence counsel, narrated the talks he had with accused Gokulchand during the course of their two meetings in the Taj Mahal Hotel.

The witness stated that on March 26 he received a telephone call from accused Gokulchand who expressed the desire to meet the witness. The witness did not ask the accused as to why he wanted to meet him. Later on that day, the witness continued, he met the accused in the Taj Mahal Hotel.

Munshi: What did the accused talk to you?

Witness: The accused told me that it appeared to him that I had friendly relations with the officers of A. C. B. and requested me to get information, if I could, regarding a case against him under the Demonetisation Ordinance.

Munshi: What did you reply.

Witness: I told the accused that I had no friendly relations with the A.C.B. officers but they all speak with me 'nicely'.

Munshi: Did you promise to get the information?

Witness: No, I told him I will see.

The witness stated that when they parted he did not make any appointment of meeting the accused again. Nor he made any enquiry regarding the case against the accused for three or four days. It was because, the witness continued, he thought he need not bother about it. He did not inform Supt. Bashruddin about it.

Regarding his second meeting with the accused in the Taj Mahal Hotel, the witness said, that on March 31 he met the accused accidentally in the Taj when he had gone there to take his lunch. The accused asked him whether he had made any inquiry regarding the case. The witness replied that he had learnt about the arrest of the accused. The accused requested the witness that he should get the case against him hushed up. The accused also told the witness that he was ready to spend large sums of money. To this request the witness replied that he would see.

Mr. Munshi asked the witness what Inspector Miranda said, when he took the message of Morarka's offer to him. Replying the witness said that when he told about Morarka's offer, Miranda asked him whether he was telling the truth. He became stiff but did not rebuke him. The witness did not tell any details to Inspector Miranda at that time, nor Mr. Miranda asked him as to where he met accused Gokulchand.

When told about Morarka's offer, Mr. Miranda replied that he was going to Delhi and after returning from there he would consider. Similar reply was given to the witness by Miranda when later twice or thrice he asked him as to what he had decided about the matter.

It was only on April 24 that the witness informed all about his talks with Gokulchand to Mr. Miranda who after hearing asked the witness to trap Gokulchand.

The witness stated that when Miranda told him to trap Morarka it did not come in his mind that he should warn Gokulchand nor he remembered of having warned the accused when he twice met him after that.

Earlier the witness admitted that he had helped the A.C.B. in trapping people for offering bribe, but he said that he never gave his own money for trapping anybody.

The witness also stated that he had no telephone talks with accused Morarka between April 9 and 20.

The case was adjourned to March 16.

CONFERENCE FOR WORLD PEACE

Harin Chattopadhyaya And M. Gungulee To Represent India

NEW YORK, March 10, (PTI-Reuter): Leading scientists, artists and professional men and women from Britain, Italy, France, India and Norway will attend a three-day cultural and scientific conference for World peace, opening here on March 25.

Dr. Hawlow Shapley, Director of Harvard Observatory, who will preside said the conference would work towards solutions "that will emphasise the ultimate folly of war".

"It is simply the survival and growth of our modern civilisation that concern, so many artists, scientistes and professional men and women", he added.

The conference is being sponsored by 500 individual members under the auspices of the National Council of Arts and Sciences.

The Indian delegation will include: A. Harindranath Chattopadhyaya, poet and playwright and N. Gangulee, economist and author.

URDU WEEKLY BANNED IN WEST BENGAL.

CALCUTTA, March 11. (A.P.I.): The publication, sale or distribution of "ek-hi-rastah", a weekly newspaper in Urdu, published from Calcutta, and its issue dated January 28 has been prohibited by the West Bengal Government.

Government has also prohibited the publication sale or distribution of any subsequent issue of the paper in West Bengal.

DR. GOPICHAND BHARGAVA

SIMLA, March 11 (API.): The Premier Dr. Gopichand Bhargava, was unanimously re-elected leader of the Congress party in the east Punjab Assembly at its annual general meeting held here today. Sixtyfour out of seventynine members were present.

SCHEDULED BANKS

Following is a statement issued by the Reserve Bank of India, showing the position of the Scheduled Banks as on March 4 last:—

1. Demand Liabilities in India Rs.
   (i) Borrowings from banks 30,73,09,000
   (ii) Other demand liabilities 607,83,84,000
2. Time Liabilities in India
   (i) Borrowings from banks 1,00,000
   (ii) Other time liabilities 386,06,11,000
3. Cash in India
   (i) Currency notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes 33,61,65,000
   (ii) Rupee Coin 1,73,69,000
   (iii) Subsidiary Coin 75,38,000
4. Balances with Reserve Bank 54,83,51,000
5. Advances in India 460,53,36,000
6. Bills discounted in India 17,51,61,000

Weather Bulletin For Farmers

FORECAST VALID TILL THE MORNING OF 13-3-1949.

Dry weather

OUTLOOK FOR THE NEXT TWO DAYS:

No change.

Saurashtra Market Quotations

(From Our Correspondent.)

RAJKOT, March 11.

Rajkot Silver Pagan 183/14-0. Rajkot Silver new Vayad 181/10/0. Rajkot Sugar Chaiter 21/0/0. Rajkot Aranda May 147/3/0. Jamnagar Aranda new Vagda 181 10/0. Jamnagar Aranda May 146, 13/0 Wadhwan Cotton Jeth 28/10/0, Wadhwan Sugar Vaishakh 16/0,0.

People IN THE NEWS

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, March 11

The Governor of Bombay received Mr. Prem Saran Sinha.

The Governor of Bombay and Rani Maharaj Singh gave an "At Home" at Government House to the Members of the Reuter's Goodwill Newspaper Delegation.

Lord Layton Mr. R. A. G. Henderson, Mr. Malcolm Graham and Mr. C. J. Chancellor have left.

GENERAL K. M. CARRIAPPA

GAUHATI March 11, (A.P.I.): India's Commander-in-Chief General K. M. Cariappa, who was on a two-day visit to Assam left Gauhati this morning by plane for Calcutta.

NEW CALCUTTA HIGH COURT JUDGE

NEW DELHI 11, (A.P.I.): Mr. Pramatha Nath Mitra, Advocate has been appointed to act as a judge of the Calcutta High Court in the vacancy caused by the appointment of Mr. Justice P. B. Chakravarti as Commissioner on the Income Tax Investigation Commission.

PANDIT NEHRU

PURI, March 11, (A.P.I.): Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Prime Minister of India Countess Mountbatten, Lady Pamela Mountbatten and party who arrived here from Konarak last evening on a holiday trip had a sea bath here this morning.

U.S. Delegate Walks-Out Of U.N.E.S.C. Meeting

LAKE SUCCESS, March 10, (PTI-Reuter):— American delegate in the United Nations Economic and Social Council today walked out in protest against "persistent attacks" by the Polish delegate against Southern Korea when the Council was discussing a proposal to include Korea in the Economic Commission for Asia.

The Polish delegate described Lieutenant General, John Hodge former United States commander in Korea, as a 'Gauleiter' and Southern Korea as a puppet State.

Mr. L. Stinebower, the United States delegate sat through part of the speech, then he rose, protested that he would not remain any longer to hear that kind of speech, and walked out.

Goa Congress Difference Resolved

BOMBAY, March 10.

The Joint Working Committee of the Goa National Congress says, 'the difference and rivalries which till so forrent the organisation have been satisfactories resolved. A provisional Joint Working Committee has been formed which has prepared the draft Constitution and mainfesto, which have been approved by all concerned.

A plenary, conference will shortly be held at a place and time to be announced in due course of time, to adopt the new constitution, the manifesto and the constructive programme and to elect new office bearers. The Congress will henceforth fight unitedly and determinedly for the emancipation of Goa from the foreign yoke.

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INDIA'S BATTLE AGAINST ADVERSE BALANCE OF TRADE

Delhi Has Not Always Choice Of Imports

NEOGY SAYS PAKISTAN TAXES AFFECT INDIA'S INTERESTS

Hope Of Inter-Dominion Conference

NEW DELHI, MARCH 11. (API)—"MR. K. C. NEOGY, COMMERCE MINISTER, TOLD PARLIAMENT TODAY THAT THE PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT WERE AGREEABLE TO AN EARLY CONFERENCE ON THE PROBLEMS OF INDO-PAKISTAN TRADE THAT WERE LIKELY TO ARISE UNLESS PAKISTAN'S BUDGET PROPOSALS WERE "MATERIALLY MODIFIED".

Mr. Neogy, who was opening the debate on Demands for Grants in respect of Commerce, said, "I was somewhat distressed to find in the present budget of Pakistan Government certain proposals of taxation which are calculated to affect Pakistan's trade with India and prejudice the interests of our country. I am gratified, however, to learn that the Pakistan authorities are fully convinced of the necessity for intimate and wholehearted co-operation with us in the matter of promoting internal and external trade and that they are agreeable to an early conference for the purpose of taking a comprehensive view of the problems that are likely to arise unless their proposals are materially modified".

ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES

"India's difficulties which had arisen due to world trends" said Mr. Neogy, "have been enhanced by the partition of the country. It is no reflection on anyone to say that perhaps the economic effects of partition were not fully foreseen, perhaps partition was inevitable and whatever its price, this had to be paid. But the fact remains that apart from the political consequences that followed, trade which was in the nature of internal trade between different parts of the country whose economy was an integrated one, became overnight foreign trade and people who looked upon each other as brothers, one fine morning faced each other as foreigners. Customs barriers were imposed, quotas were adopted and all the paraphernalia affecting foreign trade was in evidence. One need not try to emphasise the absurdity of it all and if I may express my own personal hopes and ambitions, I would say that I should, if possible, like to ignore the partition so far as trade between the two Dominions is concerned. As an earnest of that ideal, we have within the last few days considerably liberalised our export policy so far as Pakistan is concerned. Two Press Notes have been issued which indicate the various commodities in respect of which the cramping rules and regulations that were in operation are mostly to be withdrawn."

GLOOMY PICTURE AT PRESENT

Partition itself, said Mr. Neogy, had been responsible for accentuating India's food deficit. "Whatever the difficulties that we may have to face in the next few months, it will be, I hope, a temporary phase and that when this time next year we come to discuss the policy of our foreign trade, we will be able to present a more favourable and pleasing picture of the situation. But for the moment it is rather a gloomy picture that I can draw."

India's imports and exports, he said, had shown a steady upward trend ever since the end of the war and that trend had been further accentuated during the current year. During the nine months ended December, 1948, India's imports by sea amounted to Rs. 356 crores as compared to Rs. 299 crores during the same period in 1947-48. India's exports by sea during the same period nine months of the current year were Rs. 319 crores as compared with Rs 296 crores during the same months in 1947-48.

ACTUAL POSITION

The increase in imports was much greater than that in exports with the result that India had an adverse balance of Rs 37 crores during April to December, 1948.

For a full appreciation of the position, however, one had to look at the figures not merely for the aggregate import and export trade but also the import and export trade with particular currency areas. During the period April to October, 1948, India's exports from dollar and other hard currency areas were sharply reduced to Rs. 73 crores as compared with Rs 86 crores during the corresponding period in 1947 India's exports to these areas, on the other hand, increased from 64 crores to Rs 67 crores during the same period. The small increase in exports to dollar and hard currency areas, combined with the sharp decline in imports from such areas, resulted in a substantial decrease in the adverse balance of trade with these areas from Rs. 22 crores in the first seven months of 1947-48 to Rs. 5 crores for the same months of the current year.

"I cannot be too sure," Mr. Neogy said, "that this improvement will be maintained because in recent months exports to hard currency countries show a tendency to fall off. Again, it is not an improvement in any real sense, because the reduction in the adverse balance has been achieved largely by a drastic cut in imports those areas and the cut has had to be maintained and further increased.

The adverse balance of trade with the medium currency areas also declined from Rs. six crores in April to October 1947 to Rs. three crores in April to October, 1948.

In contrast with the decrease in rency areas, imports from soft currimports from hard and medium currency areas showed a substantial increase, rising from Rs. 146 crores in April to October, 1947, to Rs. 190 crores in April to October, 1948. The increase in imports was not balanced by a proportionate expansion of exports, the corresponding figures for exports being Rs. 154 crores and Rs. 170 crores for the first seven months of 1947 and 1948 respectively. The result was that while the balance of trade with soft currency areas was favourable to the extent of Rs. 8 crores in the first seven months of 1947-48. It was adverse to the extent of Rs. 20 crores during the first seven months of 1948-49.

WAYS AND MEANS TO KEEP BALANCE OF TRADE.

Balance of trade would have to be achieved by increasing exports, reducing imports, by drawing upon accumulated exchange resources or by borrowing.

India's export drive had yielded results which could be regarded as gratifying. India's exports to the three currency groups—hard, medium and soft—had shown varying degrees of expansion, exports to soft currency areas being the greatest. Part of the increase in exports was entirely due to the rise in prices but from the figures for a few selected commodities, it was evident that here had been a fair increase in the quantum of exports also. The relatively large increase in exports to soft currency area was only natural because many of India's principal markets lay in that currency area and absorbed more than 40 per cent of India's total exports.

During the current year, India's export drive had had to contend with a great many difficulties. India's export capacity in respect of several commodities like jute, cotton and hides and skins had seriously dwindled on account of partition.

EXPORTABLE SURPLUS REDUCED.

The need for increased food production entailed a diversion of acreage from commercial to food crops and this had also reduced the exportable surpluses of such crops. Inflation had further added to the difficulties. Buyers in foreign markets were already showing considerable resistance to the high prices being charged for India's exports. In October last the Government of India decided to remove the export duties on castor seed and castor oil but owing to "rampat cornering and profiteering", even this measure had failed to produce the desired effects. In the budget proposals it had been proposed to take off the remaining duties on oil seeds and vegetable oils and he hoped that the results of this would not be nullified by a further rise in internal prices.

LIBERALISATION OF IMPORT POLICY.

Reviewing the import policy of Government, the Commerce Minister recalled how the liberalisation of imports in July, 1946, had brought in indiscriminate imports into the country. In July, 1947, therefore, this was reviewed and the policy was once again linked with foreign exchange control and the balance of trade. But, by July, 1948, the evil effects of this very much restricted import policy became prominent. When Mr. Shanmukham Chetty had gone to London to negotiate the sterling payment agreement last year it was evident that India was not able to spend even the released sterling. What was more, it was found they were piling up more sterling from current earnings. In response to these circumstances, the import policy was again liberalised early in July, 1948. Both the House and the Economic Sub-Committee of the Congress Party supported this policy and said that the allocated sterling balances should be fully utilised.

These liberalisations virtually resulted in freeing all commodities, which were needed for indigenous industry from control so far as the soft currencies were concerned.

In 1948, in addition to this, certain luxury and semi-luxury goods were also allowed to be imported but the import duty on these articles were enhanced. This method was one of the legitimate and recognised methods of fighting inflation.

CAPITAL GOODS AND MACHINERY.

Dollar imports were, however, limited to essential commodities. As a result of this restriction, the import of capital goods and machinery had gone up from Rs. 4 crores per month in 1947 to Rs. 5.5 crores per month in 1948.

Out of the total import trade capital goods and machinery now accounted for 15 per cent, another 40 per cent comprised raw materials and semi-manufactured articles needed by indigneous industry.

The percentage of plant and machinery was 16 per cent and industrial goods 46 per cent of the total imports from dollar areas. Essential consumer goods from dollar areas, mainly food grains, constituted 37 per cent.

Imports of luxury and semi-luxury goods accounted for only two per cent of the import trade.

NO JUSTIFICATION.

In regard to the procedure of selecting commodities for the Open General License, the Commerce Minister assured the House that the legitimate interests of indigenous industry were fully borne in mind.

Government stood committed to the protection of war-time industries. But at the same he would point out that there was no justification for prolonging import trade controls for all such industries, good, bad and indifferent.

Of course Government would be willing to refer every application for protection to the Tariff Board and had in fact expanded the Tariff Board to expedite work.

The principle feature of India's export policy was to increase exports to hard currency areas. Although he could not claim that they had succeeded to any large extent, he could say that they were making endeavours for improving the position.

REPLY TO COMPLAINTS.

Mr. Neogy indicated the policy which he would personaly like to be adopted in regard to manufactured goods of indigenous origin, who were complaining they were hurt because of the liberalisation of import policy

The moment Government placed an article on the Open General License for purpose of imports, they should also place the corresponding article of indigenous origin on the Open General License for purpose of exports.

Subject to certain precautions, this policy would, he claimed, secure for India markets for her manufactured articles in other parts of the world, especially in the Asian region.

The export policy was no doubt

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BOMBAY'S STREET-VENDORS



55. The Ear—Specialist

He is unaware of the mastoid or the tympanum as a part of human anatomy and yet he is the last resort of that Doodh-bhaya smitten with an ear-ache. That little medicine chest is capable of dealing with any complication in the region of the ear. Do not ask for the composition of those liquid drops. Their formula has been handed from father to son in the family of this ear-specialist and will remain a guarded secret. This "doctor" does not believe in combining for purposes of his practice the nose and the throat. So he does not call himself an E-N-T. specialist. He has no instruments to help him in diagnosis. He is solely dependent on the patient's tale of suffering for formulating the prescription. He charges no consultation fee and his "patented" drops are cheap. So he is popular.

INDIA TO EXPORT 4.2 MILLION WORTH GOODS TO JAPAN

Trade Representatives To Be Appointed At Rio De Janeiro, Frankfurt, Berne, Prague, Bangkok, Rome & Bagdad

NEW DELHI, March 11 (A.P.I.): With the revival of trade relations between India and Japan, imports valued at £6.6 million are estimated to be India's charge under the multilateral arrangement made for one year upto June 30, 1949 between the Supreme Commander for Allied Powers on the one hand, and five British Commonwealth countries on the other namely Australia, India, New Zealand South Africa and U. K. and colonies encluding Hong Kong.

During the same period, India is expected to export to Japan goods valued at £4.2 million. India will export cotton, jute, iron ore, coal, pig iron, etc and in return Japan will supply industrial machinery and plants, textiles as well as industrial leather good, ferro-alloys, etc.

AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES

Describing in detail various trade agreements with other countries like Pakistan, Belgium, Yugoslavia, the Anglo-American zone of Germany, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq and some European states, a report on the work allotted to the Ministry of Commerce says that the range of detailed functions of the Ministry extend from the administration of such subjects as statistics, company law, insurance, shipping and lighthouses to the protection of industry, the exacting of reparations, the negotiation of trade agreements with foreign countries and the provision of adequate trade representation abroad.

Reviewing the activities of the tariff board; the report next deals with trade publicity, research and collection and interpretation of statics.

An Indian Trade Exhibition was organised in Singapore and India participated in the Milan fair in Italy, Canadaian National Exhibition and the British Industries Fair in May last.

COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATIVES

It has been decided to appoint commercial representatives at Karachi, Dacca, Rio de Janeiro, Frankfurt, Berne, Prague, Bangkok, Vancouver, Rome, Bagdad, and Aden in addition to the existing trade representatives abroad at London, Sydney, Toronto, Mombasa, Colombo, Buenos Aires, Paris and Berlin. The Trade Commissioners' offices in Rangoon and to have recently been revived.

A Commisioner-General for Economic and Commercial Affairs in Europe with the rank of an Ambassador has been appointed with his Headquarters in Paris to promote India's trade interests in Europe and co-ordinate the work and advise officers posted as trade representatives in different centres in Europe.

Proposals are also under consideration for the opening of trade offices at Hong Kong, Brussels, Singapore, Washington, and Milan.

Steps have been taken to replace the present Tea Market Expansion Board by a body called the Tea Committee for India with enlarged functions and duties, which would include propaganda designed to secure increased sales and consumption of tea, promotion of research, relating to tea at all stages of the industry, collection of statistics, fixation of grade standards and generally rendering asistance to the industry in all practical ways. The necessary bill for setting up this Committee has been introduced during the current session of the legislature and has been referred to a select committee.

In view of the immediate need for stepping up exports to dollar areas and for developing Calcutta as a world tea centre, an Ad Hoc Committee has also been appointed.

A Sub-Committee was ppointed on the recommendation of the Export Advisory Council and free licences are being granted for export of jute goods to hard currency areas. Similar concessions are also being granted in the case of oils and oilseeds, cloth, hides and skins. Measures were taken to systematize the work of licensing of exports, particularly to Pakistan.

The report also deals in detail with the various aspects of import trade control, shipping, commercial legislation and other subjects like reparations.

LIFTING PAPER CONTROL

NEW DELHI, March 11 (API):- The Government of India has under consideration at present the question of lifting the control on paper.

Dr. Syamaprasad Mookerjee replying to Mr. V. C Kesava Rao in Parliament today said that the question whether and to what extent the control on paper could be lifted in the present circumstances was under consideration. The Government of India was consulting the provinces and states on the subject.

PROMOTION OF HIGHER STANDARDS OF LIVING

United Nations Scientific Conference To Meet On August 17

NEW DELHI, MARCH 11 (U.P.I.): THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, MR. TRYGVE LIE, HAS SENT HIS PERSONAL INVITATION TO ALL THE GOVERNMENT TO SEND THEIR EXPERT MISSIONS AND A HUNDRED OTHER EMINENT SCIENTISTS AND EXPERTS TO TAKE PART IN THE UNITED NATIONS SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE ON CONSERVATION AND UTILIZATION OF RESOURCES, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND, TO BE OPENED ON AUGUST 17 NEXT.

Announcing this Mr. Trygve Lie says in a statement that UNSCCUR will be the first world conservation conference of its kind ever held. The Conference will be the first step by the United Nations towards mobilizing science of the whole world to promote higher standards of living.

EMPLOYING LATEST TECHNIQUES

He says, "the range of technological discoveries in use of resources spans a wide field from utilisation of wood wastes to finding minerals by new serial techniques. Modern science has developed these and other new techniques in resources field. Their effective application is basic to achieving world of abundance in the world where spectres of hunger and waste lands will be the things of the past.

"In particular under-developed areas of world can reap benefits of learning new methods to use their untapped resources and to build up their economies. The Conference represents one of the first and most important steps in the programme of technical assistance to under-developed countries which the United Nations is undertaking.

"I hope all invited scientists will attend the Conference and help to make a programme for conserving and utilising resources as a major foundation of world peace and prosperity."

Amenities For Third Class On Railways

AYYANGAR PROMISES COACHES OF IMPROVED DESIGN

NEW DELHI, March 11 (API).—Amenities for the third class passengers in the Indian Railways were the subject of a series of questions in Dominion Parliament today.

Replying to Seth Govind Das, Mr. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar, Transport Minister, said that at important starting stations one compartment in every through train was provided for passengers travelling over 300 miles on the broad gauge and 200 miles on the metre gauge. This would shortly be increased to a separate bogie. Separate booking office windows for the issue of tickets to long distance passengers were also provided.

REDUCING OVERCROWDING

Improvement measures included provision of additional rolling stock of improved design to reduce overcrowding, accelerated completion of works sanctioned under the betterment fund for the provision of amenities for passengers, the provision of fans in third class compartments commencing with ladies compartments. As materials became available, the introduction of express trains with class 3 only as and when possible and an examination of the extent to which it was possible at an early date to introduce advance booking for class three passengers. The Transport Minister said that instructions had already been issued to the General Managers of Railways to start necessary works for providing amenities in the Railway stations for the third class passengers without waiting for sanction.

Seth Govind Das: Is there any proposal to provide sleeping accommodation for third class passengers on long journey?

Mr. N. G. Ayyangar: At present there is no provision. It is one of the problems which I propose to tackle as conditions permit.

Mr. Frank Anthony: What is the percentage of shortage of coaches that is responsible for the overcrowding and how the shortage is to be made up in the current year?

Mr. Ayyangar: There is a shortage of 25 to 30 per cent in the shape of coaches in the comfortable journey in a proper sense is to be ensured. In the coming year 450 to 500 coaches would be added representing 1/5th of the requirements.

Mr. Kamath: For how many years now have the third class passengers have been kept in vain hopes for getting amenities.

Answer: Nearly half a century.

DACCA 'VARSITY CLOSED 'SINE DIE'

Sequel To Strike By Lower Grade Employees

DACCA, March 11. (A.P.I.): The Dacca University has been closed down 'sine die' according to a statement issued by the Vice-Chancellor of the University, following a strike by lower grade employees of the University, which commenced on March 3, demanding increase in basic wages and allowances, followed by a sympathetic strike by the students of the University.

The Vice-Chancellor in the course of the statement regretted that the strikers had not joined work despite the sympathetic gesture made by the Executive Council to them.

Recounting the course of the strike the Vice-Chancellor said that the strikers had picketted the Library and also the inner gate of the University buildings, which made the holding of classes impossible in the Arts and Law Faculties and the laboratories could not function for want of gas and other difficulties.

MADRAS GOVERNMENT AND RECANTING REDS

MADRAS, March 11 (API).—Representations from certain Communist detenus were being received by the Government from time to time, stating that they had dissociated themselves from the Communist Party and that they might be released, said Mr. K. Madhava Menon, Minister in charge of prisons, at question time in the Madras Assembly today.

These representations, Mr. Menon said, were examined by the Government in consultation with the District Magistrates and the Advisory Council constituted under the Maintenance of Public Order Act, and if Government were convinced of the genuineness of the request releases were ordered. The Minister added that Government had no figures about the number of detenus hitherto released for their severance from the Communist Party. Government were quite aware that some Communists might adopt this course for their release, and hence every care was taken in ordering releases.

Charges Against Wadhwan Congressmen

WADHWAN, March 10.

The public of Wadhwan city are grieved to state their complete non-confidence in the local representatives of the Congress Committee of Wadhwan City of Gujrat for they constantly disregard public opinion and public interest and having formed a clique of their own, cause damaged to the high reputation of Congress.

In spite of an All-India Congress resolution that no Congressman shall directly or indirectly obtain any license or permit for any business, they, not infrequently, are noticed to contravene that rule.

A resolution at a public meeting of the city was unanimously passed to remove them from office.

India To Be Self-Sufficient In Salt Production

NEW DELHI, March 11 (API.)—Salt production in 1948 was about 20 per cent more than in 1947, said Dr. Shyamaprasad Mookerjee, Minister for Industry and Supply, in reply to Dr. Manmohan Das, in Parliament today. Dr. Mookerjee added that arrangements were in hand to make the country self-sufficient in two or three years' time.

Huge Profits For Sugar Manufacturers

Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, Minister for Agriculture, said in reply to R. K. Sidhwa, that Indian sugar manufacturers made "very huge profits" last year.

Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram told Mr. Mohanlal Gautam that the Government of India intended to undertake very early investigation into the cost of manufacture of sugar in India, but the best solution for reducing it, he said, was to increase the yield of cane and the sugar content of cane.

MUTT AND JEFF—Oh Well, Maybe They Were Fish Scales

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